

**Projects** 

# Rail Interoperability Decision Making Framework

NineSquared advised NTC on designing an Interoperability Framework to improve Australian rail systems' efficiency, involving analysis, collaboration options, and governance reforms



**LOCATION** 

CLIENT

Victoria

Department of Transport and Planning

DATA

# **Background**

To address key problems facing the Australian rail industry, the National Transport Commission (NTC) has developed the National Rail Action Plan (NRAP). Improving the interoperability of rail systems is a National Cabinet Priority tasked to Australian Transport and Infrastructure Ministers. Ministers have agreed on the need for reforms in five priority areas to improve rail interoperability, including codifying a small number of critical national standards and rules and streamlining rolling stock approvals.

## Our role

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