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Submission: We have a requirement for the construction of an all weather road/highway system traversing the Australian Continent. Our current highway 1 has many restrictions and in the past many crashes, washouts and whatever have caused unacceptable delays in a defence situation of having to transport equipment, troops and supplies to strategic locations our highway system is inadequate. We require the completion of the outback highway from Laverton Western Australia to meet the black top at Ularu then continue from just north of Alice Springs travelling east on the Plenty Highway to Winton Queensland.

The second highway extension from Three Ways Northern Territory on the Tanami Highway via rabbit flats to Halls Creek Western Australia . The third extension from Balladonia Western Australia to Esperance and the Fourth Extension from Norseman to Hyden Western Australia. The fifth extension from Laverton via the Canning Stock Route to Halls Creek . All of these highway extension are necessary for the movements as described earlier and could be carried out by army engineers they have the equipment sitting new in depots, they have the payment of the engineers covered in the current defence budget and the only outstanding cost is materials and fuel to do the tasks. These costs could be defrayed by making these five extensions tollways for use by heavy transports and tourist movements across and around Australia. The saving in fuel and maintenance costs to the heavy haulage industry would be very significant.

RAILWAY UPGRADES again this is required to movement of troops equipment and supplies. at this time it is not possible to gain additional slots on the current train system across australia because the lines across australia are single line with passing loops and the trains are restricted in length to the length of the passing loops. we require twin lines across australia to allow the safe movement on the trans trains in both directions this will also assist in the road congestion. Additional rail connections are required from Alice Springs across west to link up with the massive rails system in the Pilbara thus allowing quicker access to the massive oil/gas and mineral infrastructure on the west coast. Plus Curtin and Exmouth air bases.

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