

Western Inter-County Railway Committee
Submission to Northern & Western Regional Assembly
consultative process RSES.

23rd January 2019.

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| <p>The Western Inter-County Railway Committee is a joint committee of members drawn from 5 local authorities in the West of Ireland committed to the establishment of a rail service between Limerick and Sligo via Clare, Galway and Mayo.</p> |
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From Cllr. Michael Connolly, Chairman, Moyloughmore, Moylough Co. Galway

The Western Inter-County Railway Committee strongly supports the Draft NWRA RSES approach towards the future development of regional rail services.

The spatial, economic, social and environmental strategy to address the gaps in the region's rail network is warmly welcomed and the Objective at 115(a) ***"to deliver the Athenry – Tuam – Claremorris – Sligo Rail to an appropriate level of service and to a standard capable of facilitating passenger and freight transport"***, is fully endorsed.

We welcome inclusion of all seven strategic objectives including further upgrades of the radial rail routes serving Sligo, Roscommon, Mayo and Galway; investigation of rail network extensions to serve the North West City region and evaluation of network electrification.

We consider the Draft Strategy is consistent with the stated objectives of the respective County Development Plans, existing Regional Planning Guidelines, and those of the Atlantic Economic Corridor.

We suggest that the **Rail Infrastructure Map** on page 233 should indicate the existing Athenry to Sligo rail route.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Connolly MCC

Chairman