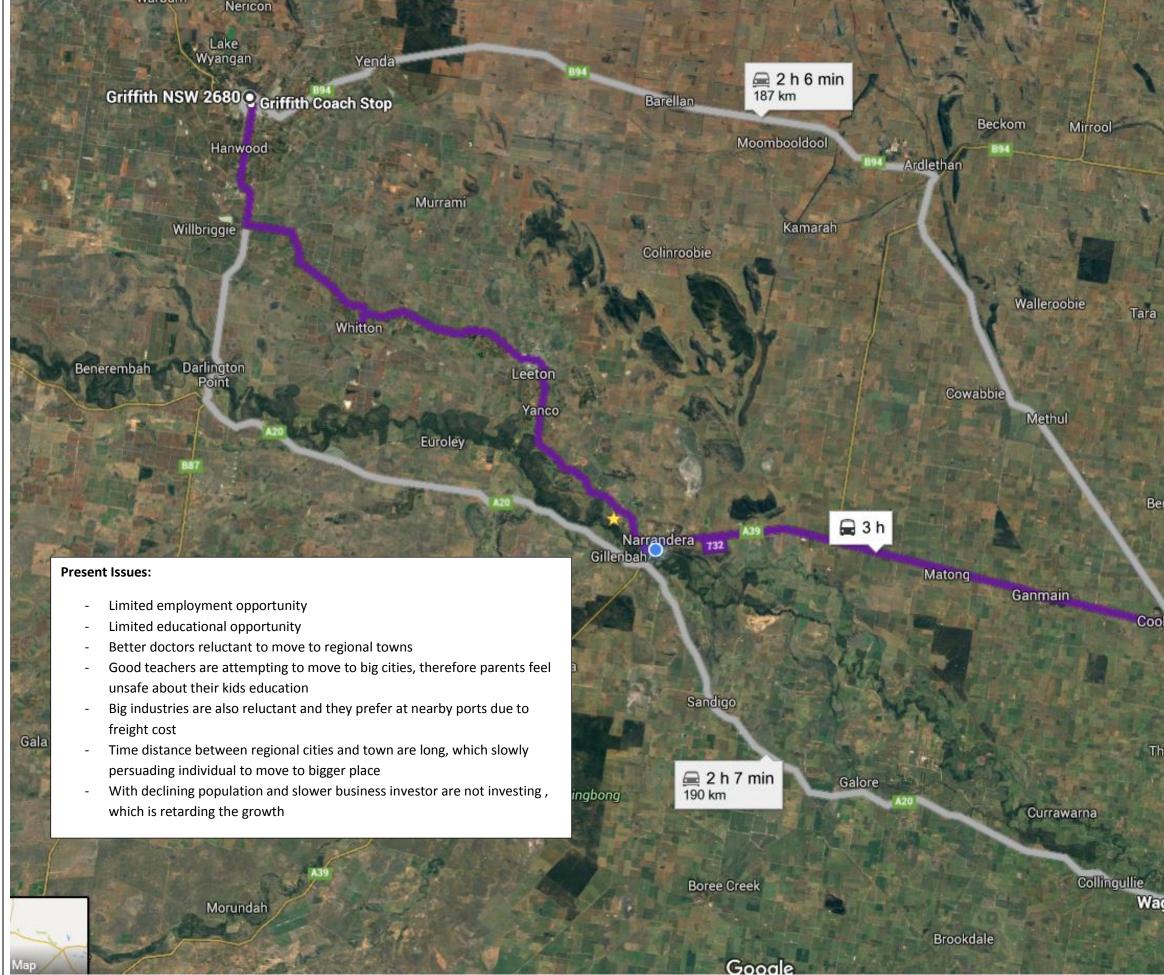
Strengthening Regional Towns- in next 30 years: (Some notes for Draft Riverina- Murray Regional Plan)



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Wagga Wagga NSW O Wagga Wagga Coach Stop **Strategy 1: Reduce time of Travel between 5(city/town) significantly** [Bullet trains linking 5 city/towns listed below could be realised in next 10-20 years. This will stop migration to city like Griffith and Wagga from small towns like Narrandera. An individual living in Griffith can work at Narrandera and vice versa, as the commute time is just 24 minutes. A student at Narrandera can take lecture at Charles Strut University at Wagga , as it is just 28 minutes.

City/town	Urban Population (Estimate)	Total Population (ABS data 2014)	Current travel time (minutes)	Proposed travel time (minutes)	Straight distance
Griffith- Urban	20000	25811	0	0	0
Leeton – Urban	7000	11595	40 (Griffith-Leeton)	15 (Fast train with 2 compartment)	43km (Griffith-Leeton)
Narrandera- Urban	4500	5961	25 (Leeton-Narrandera)	9	25km(Leeton-Narrandera)
Coolamon	2500	4308	45(Narrandera-Coolamon)	14	58km(Narrandera-Coolamon)
Wagga Wagga-Urban	55,000	62799	30 (Coolamon-Wagga)	12	36km(Coolamon-Wagga)
Total	89000	110474	140	50	



Strategy 2: Negotiate with Big Universities e.g. so that part of their facilities can be relocated to this region

There are students in most of the big cities, who have to spend all their time at university completing assignments and so forth. At the end of day, they go to a rented house where they pay 250 dollars per week, even to share a 2 bedroom unit. On top of that they have to pay heavy fee for transportation. At least 10-15000 of these students can easily migrated to this region. Low rent and possibility of regional employment could attract these people.

Strategy 3: The immigration policy to adjust such that hardworking and skilful overseas people can migrate to regional Australia conveniently. The condition should be made such that they must stay at least 15 years in regional town

This region is well connected with good freight link to port cities. A lot of big scale factories can be relocated and fill the staffing vacancy by well recruited overseas people, with proper immigration policy. If an individual are made mandatory to stay in regional town for 15 years, then most likely he will stay in regional town forever. Of course there is a question, what will these migrated people do in regional town when there are limited works. However, my belief is that if there is resource ready, industry will come. The only challenge is to add a population upto 10,000. Then, it starts to go on itself.

Strategy 4: Stronger internet network, which facilitate individual to access library of RMIT, or listen live lectures, and facilitate e-commerce

This is integral part of regional development. While with nanotechnology this gap will be eventually filled in next half century, however, fast internet network will facilitate further growth. It is undeniable. Citrus produced at Leeton region can sell his product before it flowers on tree, to the market if there is better network access to him facilitated by high resolution video conferencing and so forth. A student can pay low rent at regional town, do part time work and do university degree through correspondence, again supported by high resolution video conferencing. With time, people will start to feel that for better education, you really don't need to be in city.

Strategy 5: Better connectivity with metropolitan city through air-routes – All above strategies are to reverse the global natural trend of mass migration to cities. It is natural that people like to be around with a lot of people, enjoy beautiful beaches and go to Cinema and hang around in middle of night in great cityscape. This gap can be filled with proper connectivity with metropolitan cities.