



## Novo Rail alliance

Valued at over \$1 billion over a 5 year period, Novo Rail is an alliance between RailCorp (also the client), O'Donnell Griffin Rail, Aurecon and Laing O'Rourke, to deliver a program of rail upgrade works throughout Sydney's rail corridor between 2009 and 2014.

Client	Rail Corporation NSW / NSW State Government
Location	NSW / Sydney rail corridor
Value to ODG	Up to 40% of ongoing \$1bn+ program for works
Scope of Work	The Novo Rail program of works includes a large component of signaling and overhead wiring work during the next 5 year + duration of the alliance. This includes work on the Lidcombe-Granville corridor upgrade, commissioning of Lidcombe and Homebush turn-backs and various junction remodelling and traction supply upgrade projects.

Novo Rail is a unique alliance because its remit extends across a program of works incorporating multiple projects, as distinct from working on 1 or 2 specific projects.

RailCorp is both the alliance client and partner and therefore has an equal /vested interest in the 'pain share / gain share' agreement on which the alliance has been set up.

For the non-owner partners (NOPs), the 5 year + longevity of this alliance allows a 'cradle-to-grave' whole of life approach to projects and decisions about rail assets. This encourages the establishment of multi-

disciplinary teams working together towards delivering against a pre-determined cost - no place for cost variations, just Value For Money efficiencies.

The ability to take a holistic view of a program of works, as distinct from a project-by-project approach, has allowed Novo Rail to develop a Master Schedule and Critical Resources development path, mapping out all the resource requirements (by skill type) required to efficiently meet RailCorp's delivery dates for each scheduled project, for the next 5 years. This will also help to address the long term critical resource shortage issues associated with Australia's rail industry.

*'The Novo Rail vision is to be recognised for energising the rail industry, always focusing on safety, delivering value and surpassing expectations.'*

**Peter Winder, Alliance General Manager, Novo Rail**