

Blackwater Rail Corridor



The Blackwater Coal Rail System is one of four systems in Aurizon's Central Queensland Coal Network (CQCN). It has the largest route length of the four coal systems.

The Blackwater system links Central Queensland mines from the Bowen Basin to two export terminals at the Port of Gladstone — RG Tanna Coal Terminal and the Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal (WICET).

In late 2015 Aurizon completed the Wiggins Island Rail Project (WIRP), which involved the staged development of new rail lines and upgrading of existing lines to WICET. WIRP created a vital link between the coal terminal and mines in the Southern Bowen and Surat Basins. The rail expansion comprised interdependent infrastructure projects across the Blackwater Rail System, the Moura Rail System and the North Coast Line.

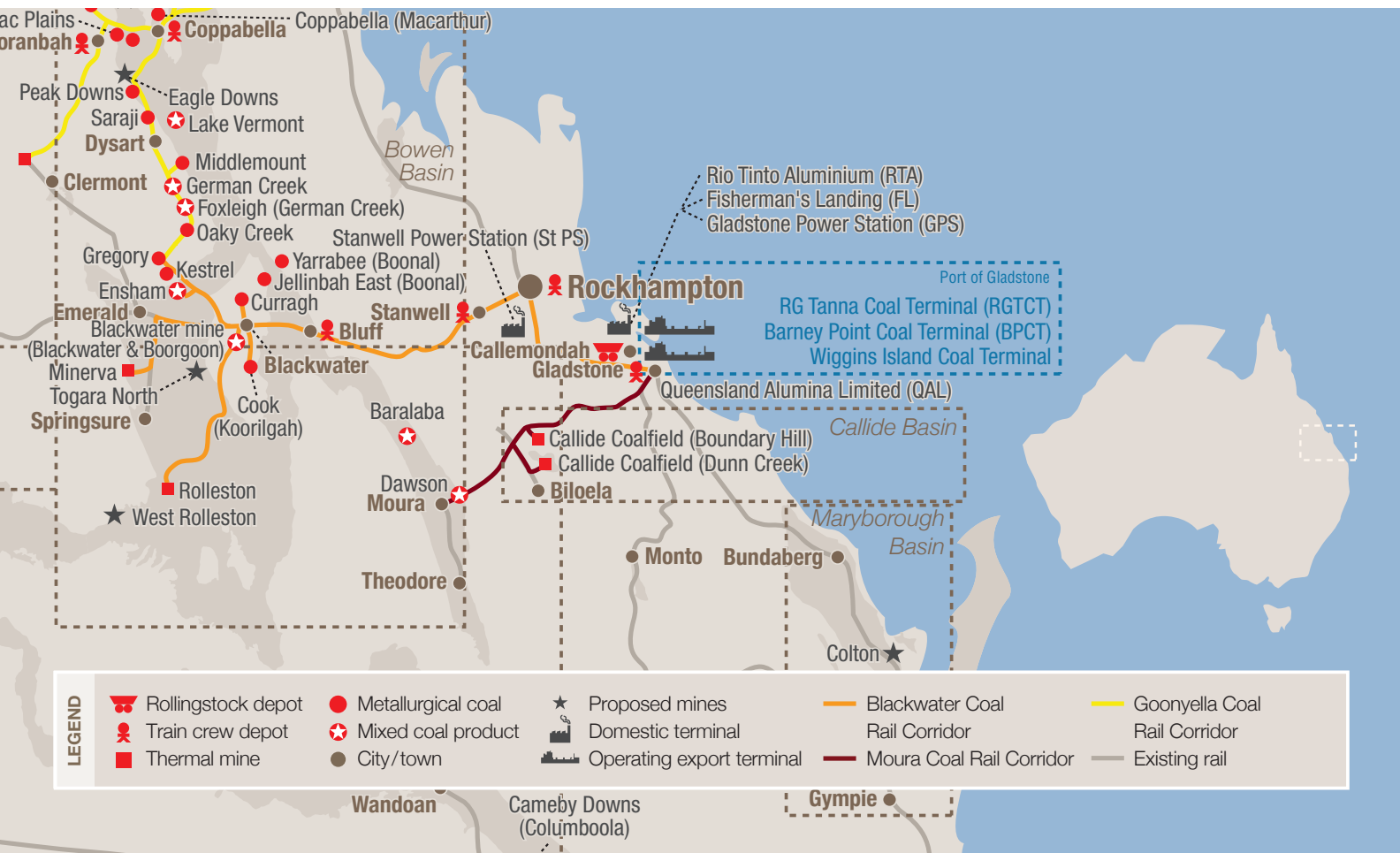
On the long-haul Blackwater system, Aurizon meets customers' needs through a heavy haul fleet of locomotives and multiple crewing points. Train depots at Callemondah and Bluff are used to provision train services.

System facts.

Track manager	Aurizon
Track axle load	26.5 tonnes
Track gauge	Narrow (1067 mm)
Track configuration	Combination of single and duplicated tracks
Export terminals	2

Blackwater is largely an electrified system, however, Aurizon also runs a small number of diesel services.

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