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## Comment: UK turns its back on rail growth

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UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's recent decision to abandon the remaining phases of the High Speed 2 programme reflects the government's growing antipathy to rail investment and equivocation about climate targets. This is in stark contrast to the pro-rail policies increasingly in evidence around the world, and leaves Britain's railway without a clear plan for future expansion.



## Pilbara heavy haul battery locomotive unveiled

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AUSTRALIA: A FLXdrive battery-powered heavy haul locomotive for iron ore mining company Roy Hill has been unveiled at Wabtec's factory at Erie in the USA.

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