



ABSTRACT

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The pros and cons of the various ownership models are examined from a number of aspects including: integration, efficiency, planning horizons, technical development and third party access.

I have been involved with the rail and port industry since the 1960's and have seen the development under the range of ownerships from private to public and those in between. It appears to me that it is now an appropriate time to examine the advantages of the different forms of ownership as they impinge on a variety of aspects including:

- Operating efficiency and use of resources both above and below rail
- Optimal port design for bulk materials and interface with rail
- Creation of an environment that encourages innovation and development of new materials and techniques
- Third party access

I plan to examine these avenues (and others that may come to light) over the next months and present a paper, hopefully with some case study examples, that may lead to future research in this area around some better defined aims by listing some key questions that should be answered.