

Border to Gowrie

PROJECT FACT SHEET

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About the Border to Gowrie project

The Border to Gowrie section of Inland Rail will connect one of Australia's most productive farming regions to markets across the country.

This section includes building approximately 138km of new dual gauge track and upgrading approximately 69km of track from the New South Wales/Queensland border, near Yelarbon, to Gowrie Junction, north west of Toowoomba in Queensland.

Once complete, it will help producers be more competitive, using rail to connect to markets in Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Perth more efficiently, more reliably and in larger volumes.

Project status

The Border to Gowrie project is currently in the approvals stage.

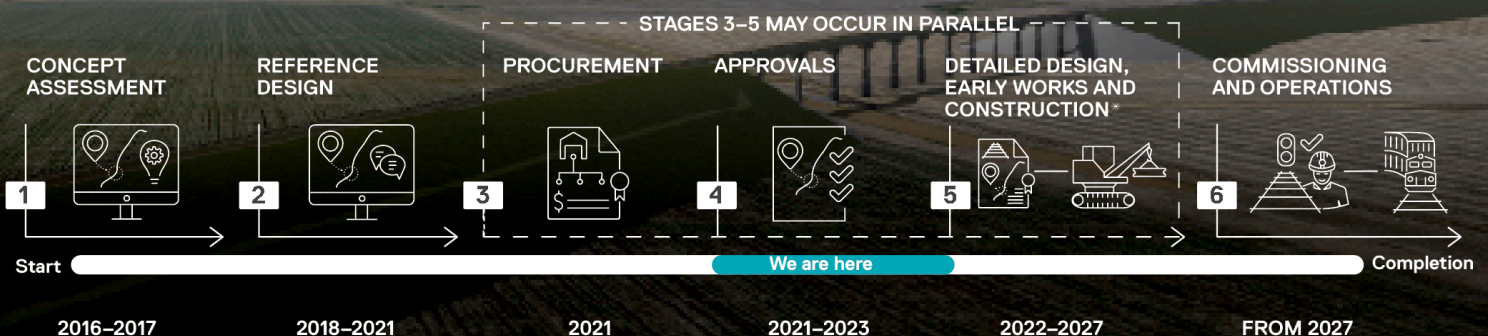
The project's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was released for public notification and comment by the Queensland Coordinator-General (CG) on Saturday 23 January 2021 and closed on Tuesday 4 May 2021.

During this time, the community and key stakeholders were invited to view and make a submission to the CG on the draft EIS.

In preparing the draft EIS, we carried out environmental studies and investigations, flood modelling and analysis, and community and stakeholder engagement.

You can view the draft EIS online at statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/inlandrail-b2g

Border to Gowrie project timeline*



*Timelines are indicative and subject to change. Major construction will not start until statutory approvals have been received.

Visualisation of proposed grade separation at Chamberlain Road, Gowrie Mountain

What has been happening?

We have undertaken extensive field studies to gain an understanding of the environmental features, technical challenges and opportunities including:

- + **geotechnical and ecological surveys** – to gather information about soil, rock and native habitats
- + **hydrology studies** – to examine flooding and surface water movements
- + **noise, air quality and vibration surveys** – to measure these levels at key project sites
- + **utility identification surveys** – to identify infrastructure such as gas and water pipelines
- + **land and heritage surveys** – to identify property boundaries and investigate any evidence of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal artefacts and heritage.

Site investigations, environmental assessments and field studies will continue as we consult with landowners, local councils and other key stakeholders. Field investigations and surveys will occur on public land, in road reserves and the Queensland rail corridor. Investigations on private property will be arranged with individual landowners. All investigations are weather permitting.

Next steps

The CG has evaluated the draft EIS against public submissions and feedback from advisory agencies, and has requested further information be addressed by ARTC in a revised draft EIS.

The revised draft EIS will be subject to a period of public consultation to ensure all stakeholders can consider ARTC's responses to their submissions and provide further comment on the project.

The timing for public consultation will be determined by the CG following submission and acceptance of ARTC's revised draft EIS.

For more information please visit inlandrail.artc.com.au/B2G

About Inland Rail

Inland Rail is a 1,700km fast freight backbone providing transit times of less than 24 hours for freight trains travelling between Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

Once complete, Inland Rail will transform how we move goods around Australia, better link businesses, manufacturers and producers to national and global markets and generate new opportunities for industries and regions.

Comprising 13 individual projects, Inland Rail is the largest freight rail infrastructure project in Australia and one of the most significant infrastructure projects in the world.



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- Yellow line: Inland Rail – new track
- Dotted yellow line: Dual gauge new track
- Purple line: Inland Rail – existing track to be upgraded
- Blue line: Existing rail
- Blue line: ARTC rail network
- Blue circle: City
- Red circle: Project boundary
- White circle: Town
- Anchor icon: Port

Want to know more?

ARTC is committed to working with landowners, communities, state and local governments as a vital part of our planning and consultation work, and we value your input. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

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