

# BORDER TO GOWRIE (B2G) PROJECT

FIELD STUDIES AND SITE INVESTIGATIONS

March/April 2020

The Border to Gowrie (B2G) team is continuing to carry out cultural heritage surveys.

These activities were postponed due to the heat wave at the end of 2019, and significant rainfall that occurred in February 2020.

Surveys will occur within the study area, including on public land. Investigations on private property will be arranged on a voluntary basis with individual landowners. All investigations are weather permitting.

**Activities being carried out in March and April 2020 include:**

## GOWRIE TO PAMPAS

**Activity:** Indigenous cultural heritage surveys. These will involve approximately 10 workers and three vehicles carrying out walkovers.

**Contractors:** ARTC and Everick.

## GOWRIE TO BROOKSTEAD

**Activity:** Photography of the study area using aerial drones and ground photography. All photography will occur from road reserves.

**Contractors:** Thru a Lens photography.

## OTHER ACTIVITY

While there are no other field studies or site investigations scheduled there may be a need to undertake further investigations throughout the period.

These may include:

- ▶ environmental investigations including fauna and flora, surface water sampling, monitoring groundwater bores, agriculture and land use, landscape/visual assessments, flooding and socio-economic studies
- ▶ utilities investigations.

**Contractors:** Golders, Aurecon, AECOM, FFJV, RPS and ARTC.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- ▶ white wooden pegs used to mark out investigation sites
- ▶ vehicle and machinery movements in the study area and on local roads
- ▶ machinery left at investigation sites overnight
- ▶ consultants completing 'walkovers' on private and public land.

Investigations will be undertaken between 6.30am and 6.30pm, Monday to Sunday, weather permitting.

If you would like more information about ARTC Inland Rail's environmental field studies, please visit

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