

Inland Rail's response to COVID-19

The State and Federal Governments have reinforced the importance of continuing construction on infrastructure, such as Inland Rail, to keep our economy ticking during this unprecedented crisis.

As we adapt to meet the challenges of COVID-19, we want to assure you we are following advice from public health authorities and taking all precautions to ensure the safety of everyone working on Inland Rail and the communities in which we live and work.

Field investigations

The Border to Gowrie team will be out in the field during May and June to identify potential locations for geotechnical surveys.

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

This work will be carried out by ARTC and will involve one vehicle with two people visually inspecting and photographing sites.

Water surveys

Landowners in the project footprint will be contacted in the coming weeks to discuss water infrastructure on their properties. This survey builds on information shared during the focused area of investigation engagement and will be used to better understand how water is collected and used on properties.

Aerial LiDAR survey

Ground model survey data will be acquired along the alignment from North Star to Acacia Ridge and Bromelton using an aircraft and aerial laser measurements to create a ground surface model. A twin-engine light commercial aircraft will fly parallel to the proposed rail route. Some survey personnel will carry out ground validation checks from the roadway.

This work will be carried out by ARTC and our contractor AAMGroup.

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. If additional work is required, we will update this notification and place it on the Border to Gowrie webpage.

What to expect

- light aircraft flying at +600m above the ground, sometimes making multiple fly-overs
- 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 the project's environmental field studies, please visit inlandrail.artc.com.au/B2G

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