

# NARROMINE TO NARRABRI



# FOCUSED AREA OF INVESTIGATION

## FACT SHEET

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### ABOUT INLAND RAIL

Inland Rail is a once-in-a-generation project that will enhance supply chains and complete the backbone of the national freight network by providing for a transit time of 24 hours or less for freight trains between Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

Inland Rail will transform the way we move freight around the country, connect regional Australia to markets more efficiently, drive substantial cost savings for producers and consumers, and deliver significant economic benefits.

Comprising 13 individual projects and spanning more than 1,700 km, Inland Rail is the largest freight rail infrastructure project in Australia and one of the most significant infrastructure projects in the world.

The Australian Government selected the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) to deliver Inland Rail, in partnership with the private sector.

The Australian Government has committed \$9.3 billion to the delivery of Inland Rail, with construction having commenced in late 2018. Inland Rail is expected to be fully operational in 2024–25, and one 1,800 m double-stacked train operating on Inland Rail will carry the same volume of freight as 110 B-double trucks.

Better infrastructure and an effective national freight operation are key to delivering efficient supply chains, improving Australia's global competitiveness and lifting our nation's wealth and prosperity.

### ABOUT THE NARROMINE TO NARRABRI PROJECT

Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) is one of 13 projects that complete Inland Rail. Comprising approximately 300 km of new track, it is the longest project within Inland Rail.

This new track will reduce transit times and complete one of the missing freight rail links between Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane.

### WHAT IS THE CURRENT STAGE OF THE PROJECT?

The N2N project is currently in the feasibility design phase, with field investigations under way to identify technical challenges and opportunities.

Since November 2017, when the Australian Government announced the Narromine to Narrabri study area, Inland Rail has been working to determine a rail corridor.

The Narromine to Narrabri study area is generally between 2 km and up to 5 km wide in some areas. We have now refined this area to approximately 150–400 m wide. This is called the focused area of investigation.

### UNDERSTANDING RAIL CORRIDOR SELECTION

Some of the guiding principles used in determining the focused area of investigation include minimising property and flooding impacts, improving level crossing alignments, and helping achieve a faster, safer and more reliable alternative to road freight.

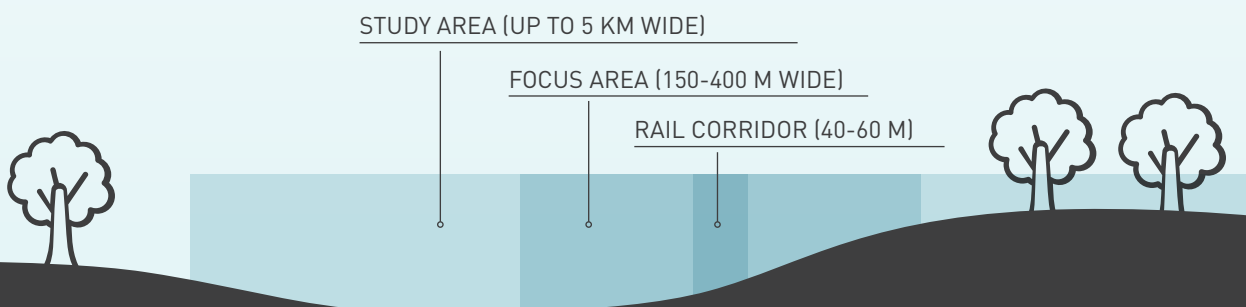
Our work builds on previous reports and reflects the diversity and complexity of the region. Your feedback – gathered from landowner meetings, correspondence and drop-in sessions – has been used to inform the design process.

We remain committed to continuing our conversations as we deliver this decision and work to determine the final rail corridor (40–60 m wide).

# HOW YOU WILL HEAR FROM US



## RAIL CORRIDOR SELECTION



## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Due to the number of landowners and the distances involved, we will inform the community in a staged approach. Initially we will meet landowners between Burroway and the Pilliga Forest.

We will plan out meetings in the remaining areas (Narromine, Curban, Mt Tenandra, Square Top Mountain, Pilliga East and Narrabri North) in the months following.

It is anticipated that this work will take several months to complete.

We will also directly contact landowners who are in the study area, but not presently in the focused area of investigation.



## HAS THE FINAL RAIL CORRIDOR BEEN DETERMINED?

No. The exact location of the final rail corridor is yet to be determined.

Inland Rail will now complete further engineering design and environmental investigations to determine where in the focused area of investigation the final 40–60 m wide rail corridor will go.

## WILL YOU MEET WITH ALL LANDOWNERS?

Yes. We will look to meet with all landowners within the focused area of investigation.

Due to the number of landowners and the distances involved, we will inform the community in a staged approach. It is anticipated that this work will take approximately four months to complete. We appreciate your patience.

We will also directly contact landowners who are in the study area, but not presently in the focused area of investigation. This decision will be delivered over the phone and via formal correspondence.

At this stage, we do not plan to meet one-on-one with landowners outside of the focused area of investigation. However, we will hold community information sessions across the alignment to discuss what our decisions mean for your community.

## WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING?

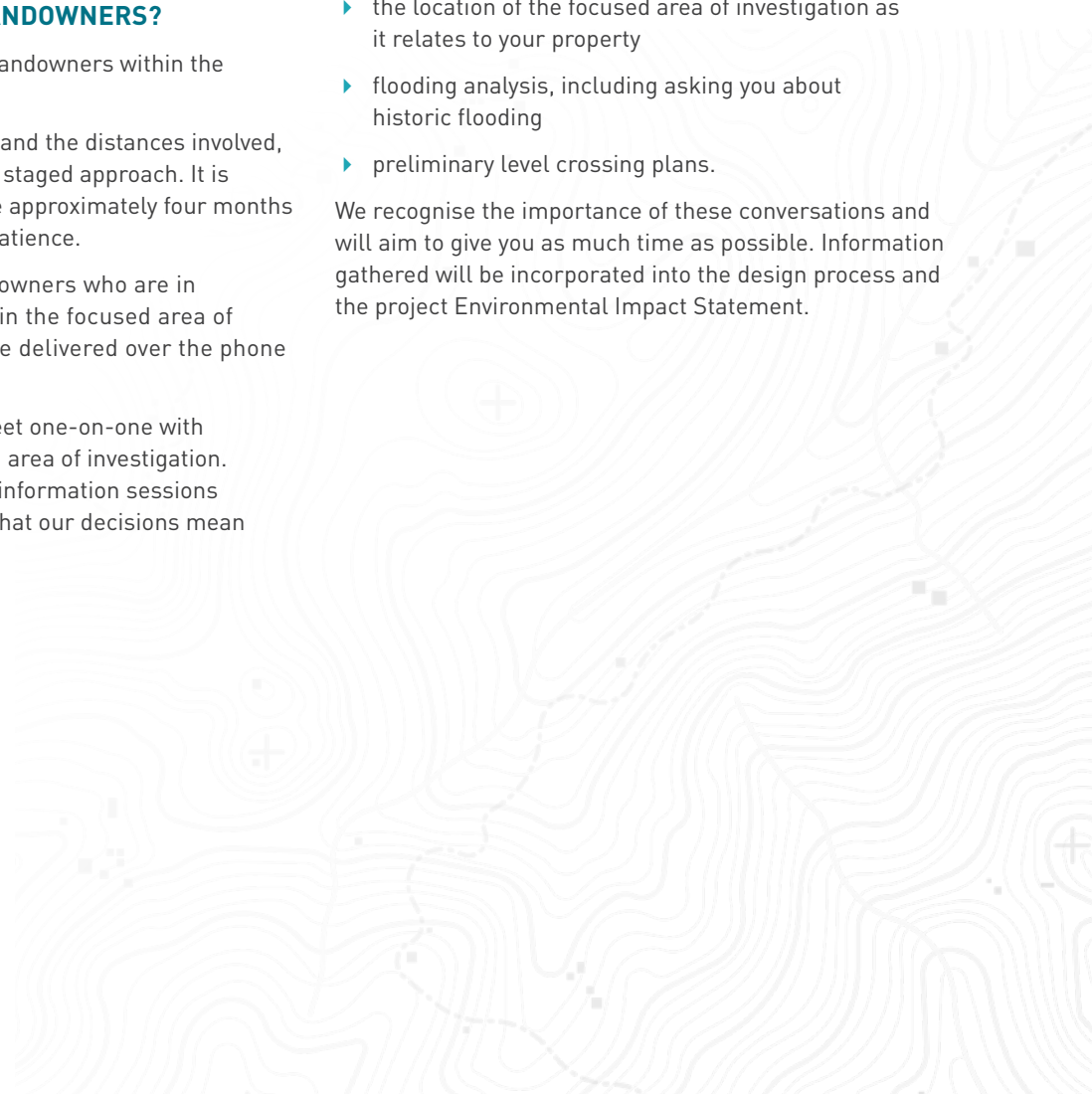
The primary purpose of the meeting is to inform you of the present location of the focused area of investigation.

The meetings will be attended by a stakeholder engagement representative, a technical expert and – if requested – an agronomist and property specialist.

We will discuss a broad range of matters including:

- ▶ the location of the focused area of investigation as it relates to your property
- ▶ flooding analysis, including asking you about historic flooding
- ▶ preliminary level crossing plans.

We recognise the importance of these conversations and will aim to give you as much time as possible. Information gathered will be incorporated into the design process and the project Environmental Impact Statement.



# PROJECT TIMELINE



**Concept assessment**  
2015



**Project feasibility**  
2018–2020



**Project assessment**  
mid 2020–mid 2021



**Project approval**  
early 2021



**Construction**  
late 2021–late 2025



**Operation**

## AS A LANDOWNER, AM I REQUIRED TO MEET WITH INLAND RAIL?

No. While these meetings are important, attendance is not compulsory.

Inland Rail appreciates the time, patience and effort offered by landowners throughout the planning process. We understand that assisting us with access or attending meetings have an impact on your time and work.

If you are unavailable or wish to communicate with us in a different manner – for instance, by email, phone, or at a separate agreed location – please let the stakeholder engagement team know in advance. We will do our best to meet your preferences.

## WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION COMMENCE?

Construction of the Narromine to Narrabri project is anticipated to commence in late 2021, after the Environmental Impact Statement is approved. Construction is expected to take approximately three years to complete.



## 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 about this fact sheet, please let us know.

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