



# AGENDA: MEETING 1

ITEM	TOPIC	TIME	LEAD
1	Open meeting, welcome	6:00pm	Facilitator
2	Working Group establishment and purpose		Facilitator
3	Introductions		Group
4	Break	7:00pm	
5	Inland Rail project briefing		Ed Walker, ARTC General Manager Victoria Projects
6	Future meetings		Facilitator
7	Other business		Facilitator
8	Close meeting	8:00pm	Facilitator



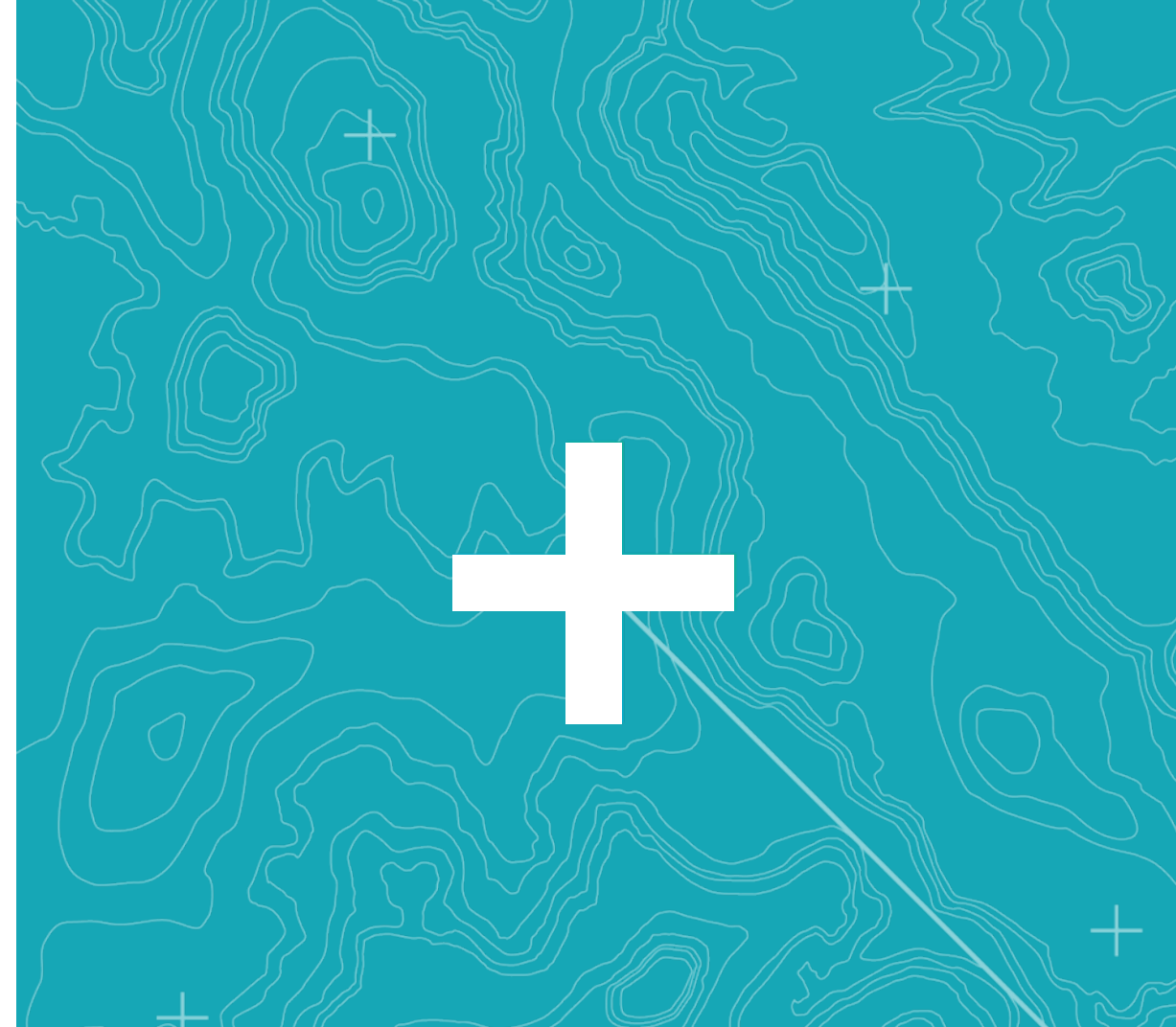
## Inland Rail

Enhancing the North East Rail line to allow for double-stacked freight train clearance



# WORKING GROUP PURPOSE

- Broader community involvement in the project
- Capture of local knowledge, issues, concerns, and opportunities
- Increased understanding and awareness of the project
- Coordination of a more effective response from the Project Team to community concerns and requests



# WORKING GROUP OPERATIONS

- Scope
- Member composition
- Member selection process
- Chairperson
- Operations
- Media Liaison

# WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

- **Todd Beavis**                      **Facilitator**
- **Cr. Alistair Thomson** **Strathbogie Shire Council**
- **Cr. Mick Williams**            **Strathbogie Shire Council**
- **Edwina Thompson**    **DESIGN Euroa**
- **Justine Collins**
- **Nola Dudley**
- **Tom Maher**
- **Ann Mahon**
- **Des Ryan**
- **Shirley Saywell**
- **Michael Tehan**
- **Sarah Treloar**
- **Bernard Walker**

# WORKING GROUP ATTENDEES

- **Chris Loftus** SMEC
- **Ed Walker** ARTC – General Manager Victoria Projects
- **Dinesh Batra** ARTC – Senior Project Manager Inland Rail
- **Renee Preece** ARTC – Stakeholder Engagement Lead
- **Mark Blackman** ARTC – Stakeholder Engagement Advisor

# INTRODUCTIONS



# THE INLAND RAIL VISION

*A more prosperous Australia with a world-class supply chain based on a fast, safe, reliable, connected Inland Rail.*

*We will plan and build this with the support of governments, in partnership with the private sector and hand-in-hand with the community.*



# VISUALIZATION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJEgpmufiU4>

# INLAND RAIL

- Melbourne to Brisbane in <24 hours
- Utilises 60% of existing rail corridors
- \$16 Billion in additional economic benefits
- 16,000 direct and indirect jobs
- Removing +200,000 trucks from the road by 2050
- Provide the backbone for a world-class supply chain
- Help meet Australia's freight challenge



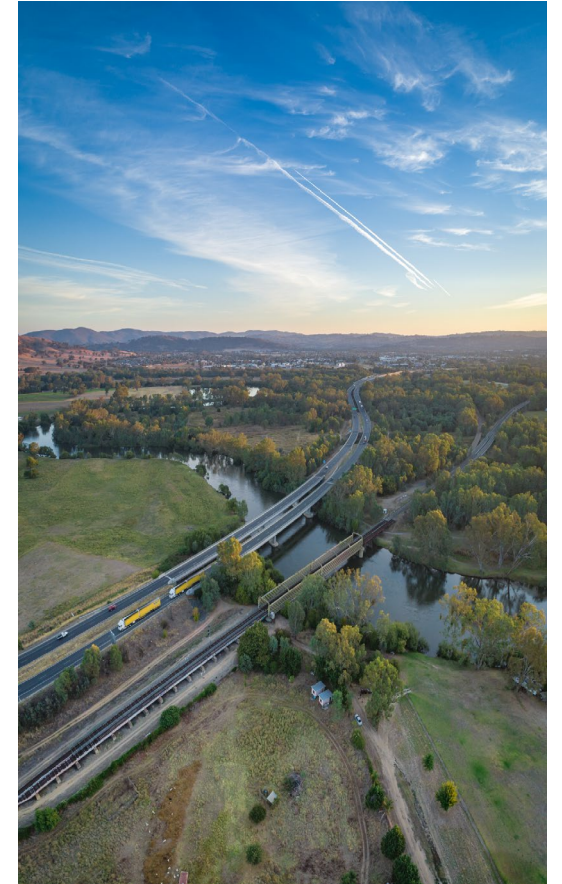
Inland Rail is a once-in-a-generation project that will enhance supply chains and complete the backbone of the national freight network by providing for a transit time of 24 hours or less for freight trains between Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

# VICTORIA: MAJOR BENEFICIARY

Reflects the fact Victoria is the origin or destination of virtually all the interstate freight which will be carried on Inland Rail.

Approximately 2,800 job opportunities during the peak of construction.

\$7 billion boost to Victorian Gross State Product - benefiting residents living in cities and in regional Victoria.



# TOTTENHAM TO ALBURY

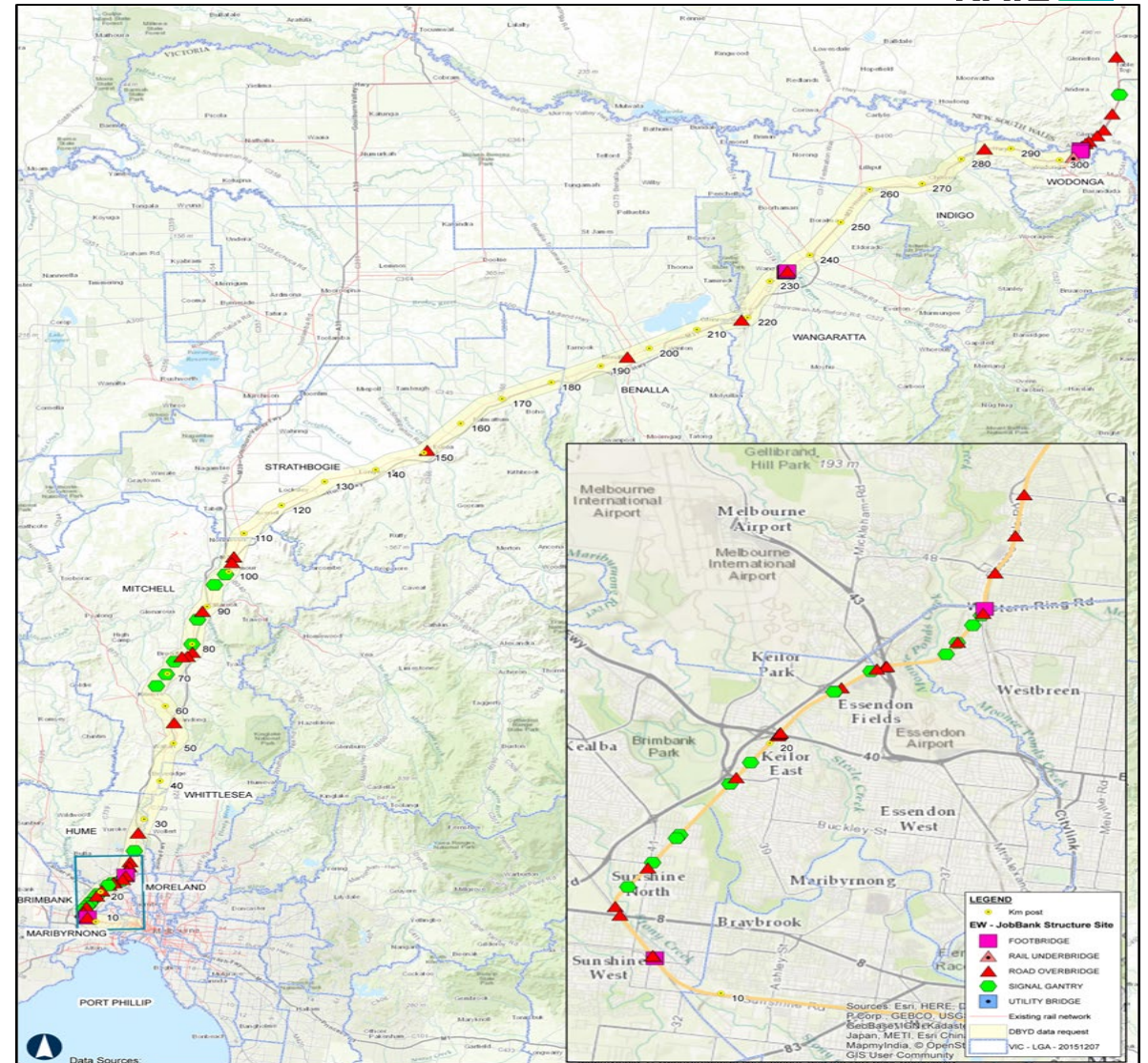
- One of 13 projects
- Uses existing corridor
- 305km of total 1700km route
- Meets Inland Rail track standard
- Horizontal and vertical clearance enhancement works





# ENHANCEMENT SITES

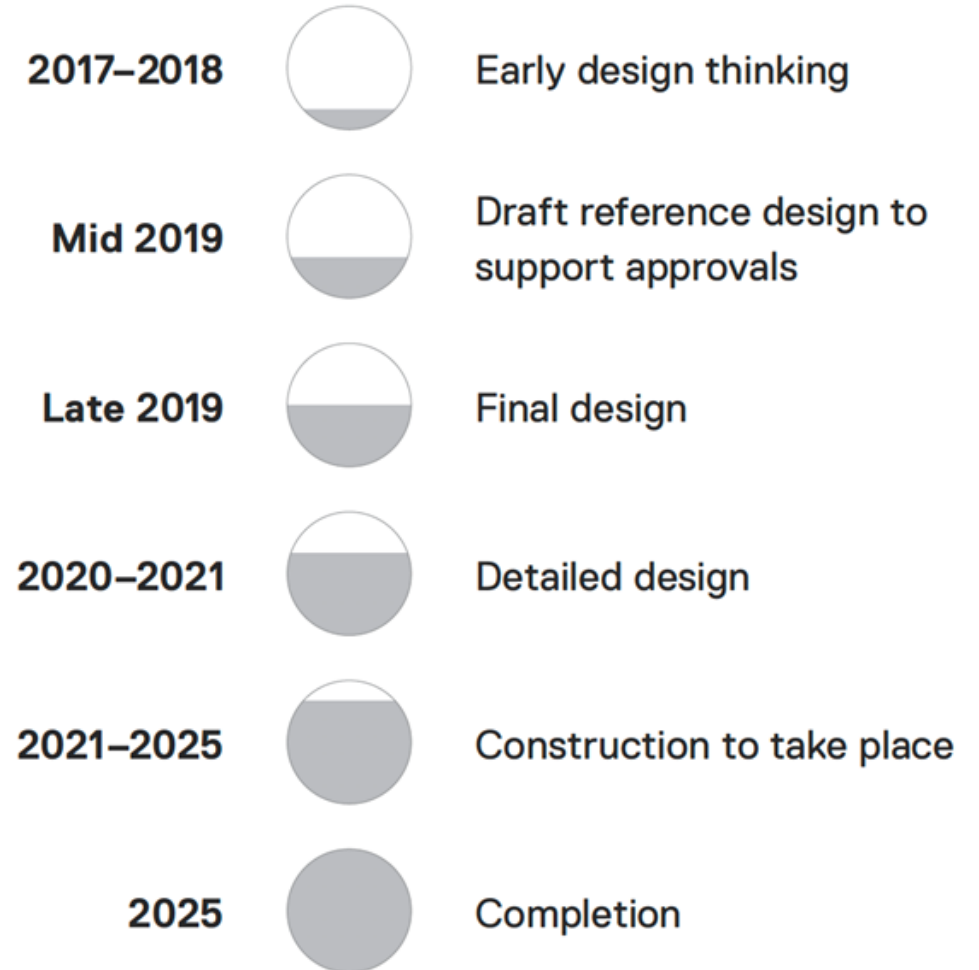
- 63 structures across Victoria
- Clearance is required to accommodate double-stacked rolling stock
- Works will include:
  - Track lowering
  - Bridge replacement or modification
  - New road over rail bridges
  - Reconstructing or raising footbridges
  - Modifying or replacing signalling structures
  - Reconfiguring track at complex sites





# PROJECT STATUS

- Reference Design – design largely complete
- Utility and other investigations ongoing
- Engagement with councils and community ongoing
- Working closely with Victorian agencies regarding environmental and planning assessments and approvals.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Information displays



Community engagement events



Community conversations



Stakeholder meetings



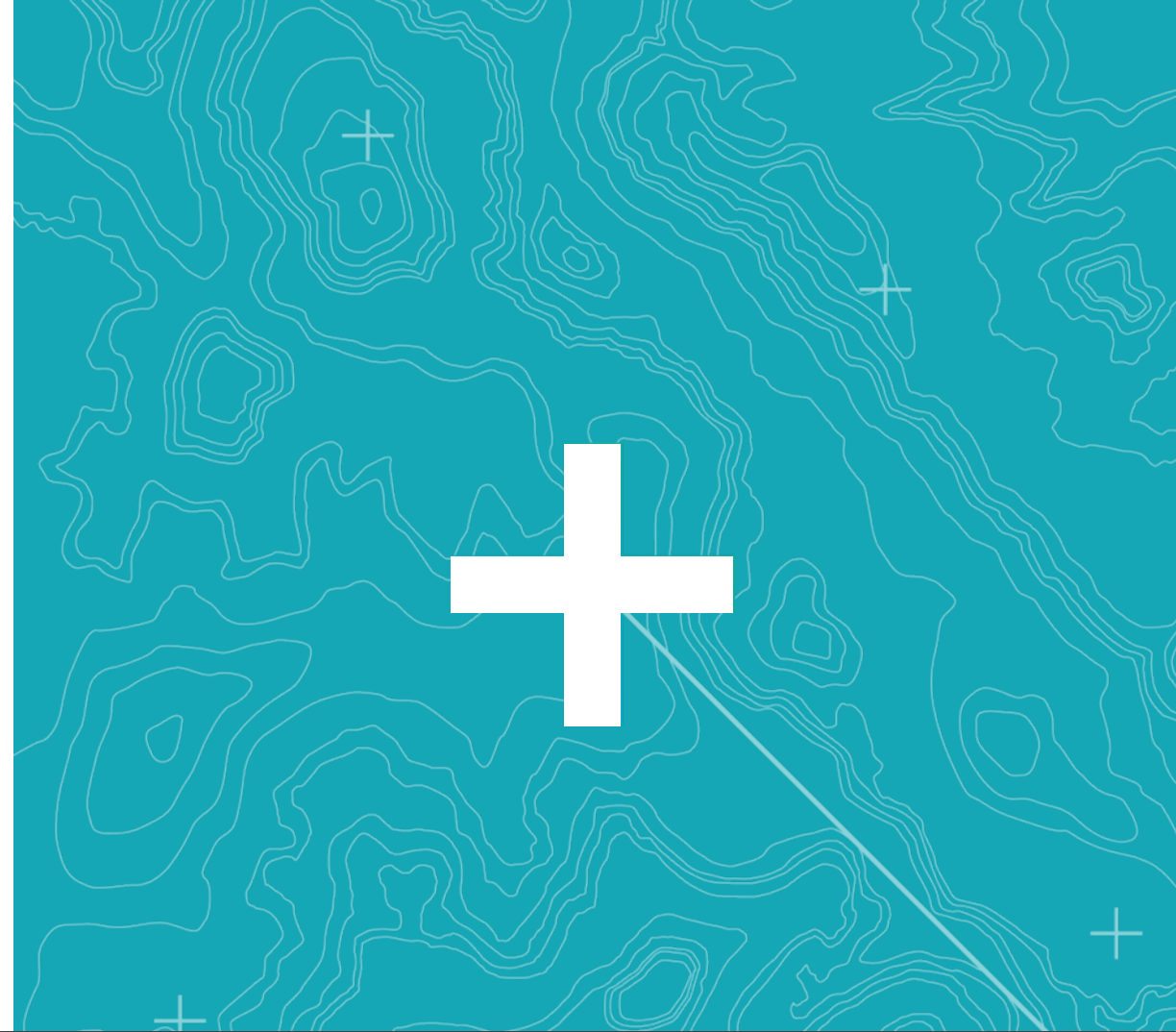


# EUROA – ANDERSON ST BRIDGE



# CHALLENGES

- **Current vertical clearance**
  - 4.7m
- **Vertical clearance needed for Inland Rail**
  - 7.1m



# OPTIONS CONSIDERED

## Track Lowering:

- Significant work to mitigate risk of flooding
- Relocation of town infrastructure – including sewer and water main
- Total rebuild to the station buildings and platform

## Bridge Removal:

- Major road reconstruction required, including re-routing Euroa-Shepparton road
- Potential community and safety risks from traffic changes
- Hinders community ability to travel across town

## Road Under Rail:

- Large sumps and pumps required to transfer road drainage – potential levees
- Closure of the existing access at Nelson Street, Railway Street bridge, and station access ramp
- Relocation of existing gas pipeline



# OPTIONS CONSIDERED CONTINUED

## Rail Over Road:

- Significant challenges for visual and social amenity
- Would include 700m of elevated bridge, plus an elevated station of around 240m in length

## Bridge Replacement:

- Improved road alignment
- Built offline, minimizing impact on traffic during construction
- Impacts direct vehicle access to platform

# WHAT WE'VE HEARD

- Solution needs to achieve more than just accommodating double-stacked freight trains.
  - An integrated solution
  - Enhances outcomes
  - In line with Council's vision for the station precinct.
- Strong desire for the design to incorporate open spaces for community use.
  - Exploring solutions
- Access from Railway Street to Hinton Street under a new bridge would be beneficial.
  - Vehicles/pedestrians/cyclists
- Existing bridge is described as an eyesore and there are concerns a new bridge would exacerbate this.
  - More modern, safer structure (albeit higher)
  - Work together to create a landmark

# NORTH EAST RAIL LINE UPGRADE

Improving service reliability and ride quality for passengers on the North East rail line 2121

\$235M Federal Government funded

Upgrade the standard gauge rail line between Melbourne and Albury

Deliver Victoria Class 2 standard performance

Collaborative scope development with Victorian transport agencies

Early works already underway

Major works beginning end of this year



# FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Topics for discussion
2. Frequency
3. Proposed date for next meeting: Thursday, July 18 at 6pm



Thank you for your participation