

Narrabri to North Star – Phase 1



171km – Track upgrade

Croppa Creek Bridge

About Inland Rail

Inland Rail is a 1,700km fast freight rail line, providing freight transit times of less than 24 hours between Melbourne and Brisbane. This project will transform how we move goods around Australia.

Inland Rail will better link businesses and manufacturers to national and global markets, generate new opportunities for industries and regions, drive substantial cost savings for producers and consumers, and deliver significant economic benefits.

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.

About Narrabri to North Star

Narrabri to North Star is the second section of Inland Rail to enter construction, following the commissioning of the Parkes to Narromine line in September 2020.

The Narrabri to North Star section of Inland Rail traverses the three local government areas of Narrabri Shire, Moree Plains Shire and Gwydir Shire.

The project is split into Phase 1 and the smaller Phase 2 section which runs from Alice Street in Moree across the Mehi-Gwydir floodplain to east of the Moree Gun Club. Phase 2 involves upgrading approximately 13km and building 1.6km of new track at Camurra, north of Moree.

Phase 1 – Narrabri North to North Star

Trans4m Rail, a joint venture between John Holland and SEE Civil, is the principal construction contractor carrying out Phase 1 works.

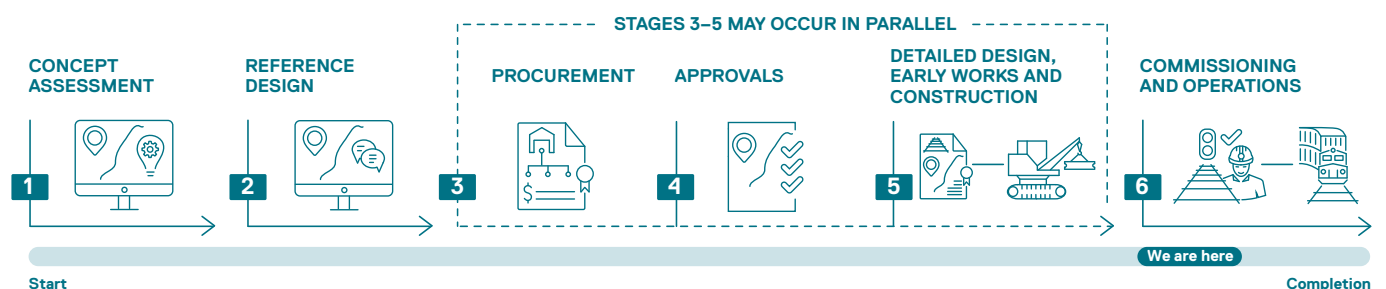
Phase 1 has generated hundreds of jobs for local residents and has had a positive impact on regional businesses with local tradespeople and businesses employed over construction.

Inland Rail is committed to creating sustainable employment for local workers and employers, including First Nations enterprises. The project has maximised opportunities to work and ensured benefits have flowed across the region.

Key features of Phase 1 project include:

- seven new bridges to accommodate double-stacked trains
- five new crossing loops with associated maintenance sidings
- improved drainage including 4776 new culverts installed under railway and roads
- upgraded several road connections between the Newell Highway and level crossings between Narrabri and Moree
- 57 level crossings upgraded to improve safety with 10 passive level crossings upgraded to active with bells, lights and boom gates
- relocated power and telecommunications utilities.

Project stages



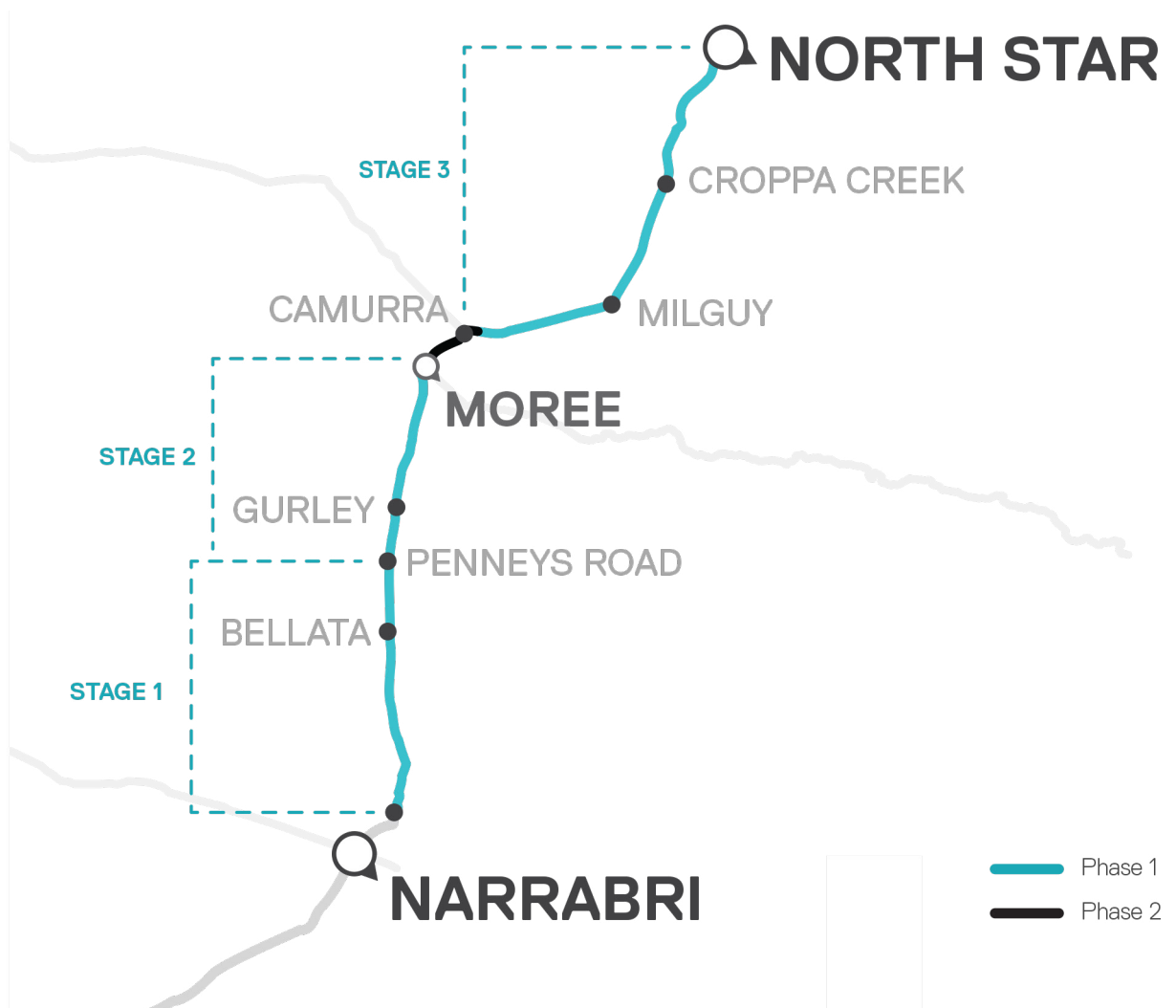
To date we have:

- consulted widely with landowners and other stakeholders across the region
- completed ecology, noise, traffic, geotechnical and hydrology analysis
- gained approvals from state and federal agencies
- upgraded 83km of track between Narrabri and Moree, allowing operations to resume by November 2022
- partnered with local government to better understand social impacts and benefits
- completed construction of all seven bridge structures
- seen 623 local residents work on the project of whom 168 are First Nations
- spent \$196M with local businesses
- rolled out rail safety awareness campaigns.

We will continue to:

- update and seek feedback from the local community
- inform the community about construction progress and post construction impacts
- encourage local community groups to access funding through the Inland Rail Sponsorships and Donations program
- continue with post construction monitoring to comply with Conditions of Approval.

Narrabri to North Star – Phase 1 Map



Want to know more?

ARTC is committed to working with property owners, 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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