

Narrabri to North Star



PROJECT FACT SHEET

NSW

About Inland Rail

Inland Rail is a 1,700km fast freight backbone, providing freight transit times of less than 24 hours between Melbourne and Brisbane, that 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.

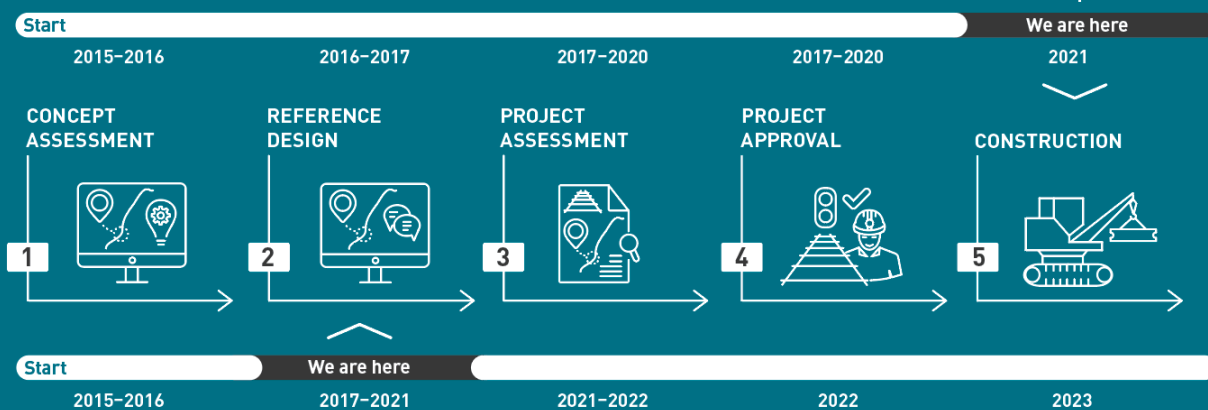
About Narrabri to North Star

Narrabri to North Star – Phase One 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 will upgrade 184.5km of existing rail corridor and construct 1.7km of new track, crossing the local government areas of Narrabri Shire, Gwydir Shire and Moree Plains Shire. The works will enable 1,800m long double-stacked freight trains to operate.

Work is due to start in early 2021. North West NSW businesses are already experiencing the benefits of Inland Rail, which is stimulating the local job market with the construction, retail, accommodation, and food and beverage sectors set to benefit.

Phase 1 – Narrabri North to North Star



Phase 2 – Moree to Camurra

**Timeframes are indicative and are subject to change*

Phase 1 – Narrabri North to North Star

Phase 1 of Narrabri North to North Star involves upgrading 171km of existing track.

Trans4m Rail, a joint venture between contractors John Holland and SEE Civil, was announced in November 2020 as the principal construction contractor for Phase 1 works.

Construction commenced in April 2021 on the Penneys Road to Moree South section of the alignment.

Phase 1 is generating hundreds of construction jobs and is having a positive impact on local businesses including construction, retail and hospitality. We are committed to creating sustainable employment for local workers and employers, including Indigenous enterprises, by maximising opportunities to qualify for work and express interest in business opportunities to ensure these benefits flow across the region.

Key aspects of Phase 1 construction include:

- + five new crossing loops with associated maintenance sidings
- + installing 220 rail culverts, 98 road culverts and additional irrigation crossings
- + upgrading, relocating or consolidating almost 80 level crossings and five pedestrian crossings
- + relocating power and telecommunications utilities
- + modifying Moree Station and minor works at Bellata Station.

Phase 2 – Moree to Camurra

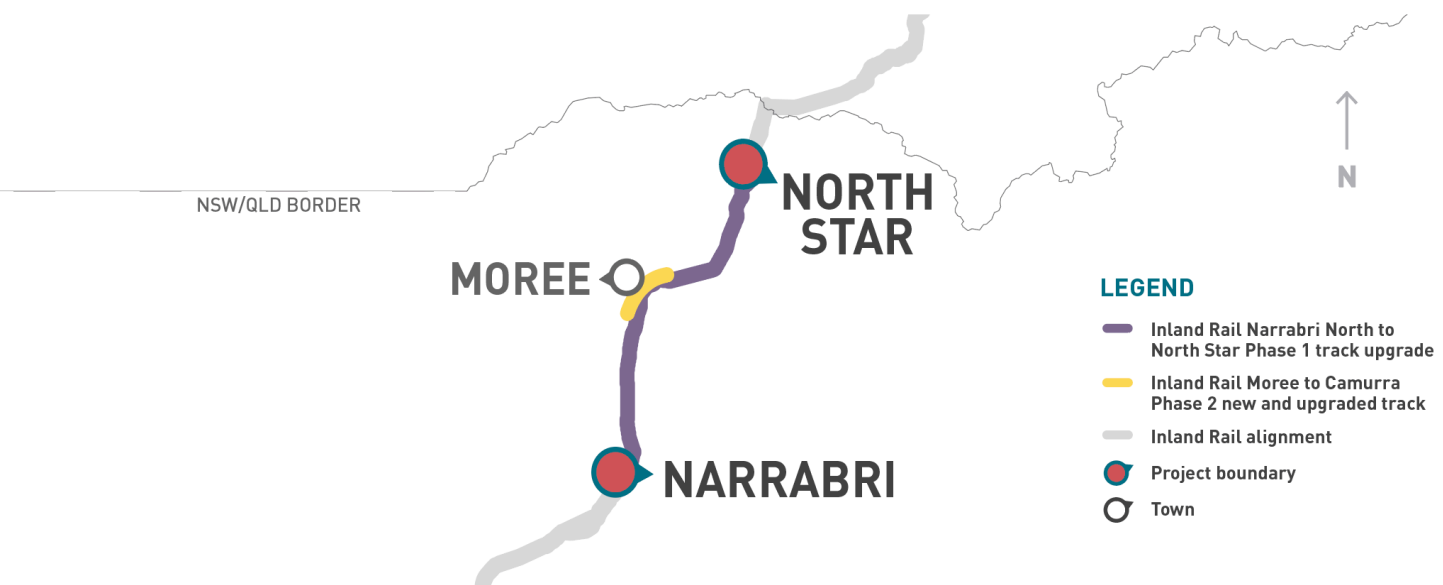
Phase 2 of Narrabri to North Star involves upgrading 11.8km of existing track and building 1.7km of new track across the Mehi-Gwydir floodplain at Camurra, north of Moree.

Following extensive consultation with landowners, local council, and industry groups we are finalising the Environmental Impact Statement for this section.

Key elements of Phase 2 include:

- + realigning the railway corridor to maximise operational efficiency. This includes bypassing the current hairpin turn at Camurra.
- + raising railway heights to achieve improved flood immunity and enhance operational capability
- + replacing and realigning existing bridges over the Mehi and Gwydir rivers
- + upgrading cross drainage and associated flood management works
- + modifying, closing or replacing level crossings to improve safety, integrate with the revised railway alignment and maintain property access
- + replacing or upgrading of utilities, infrastructure and fencing affected by the track upgrade.

Phase 2 works will link to Phase 1 construction and the Mungindi line that branches off at Camurra.



Want to know more?

We value your input. ARTC is committed to consulting with state and local governments, communities and landholders as a vital part of our planning process. Please call or email us if you have any questions or comments about Narrabri to North Star section of Inland Rail.

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