



PROJECT OVERVIEW

# Narromine to Narrabri



Once built, this 306km ‘missing link’ will enable freight trains to connect with the section of Inland Rail under construction between Narrabri and North Star and the Parkes to Narromine section that is already complete.

Construction of Inland Rail’s longest stretch of new rail corridor will involve millions of cubic meters of earthworks for new embankments, the installation of thousands of culverts, road realignments and utility relocations.

The current Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) design features 49 new public level crossings, 75 new bridges and viaducts, and seven crossing loops, each up to 2.2km long.

To find the locations of the design features please visit our interactive map at [maps.inlandrail.com.au/n2n](https://maps.inlandrail.com.au/n2n) or scan the QR code on the back page.

## Planning approvals

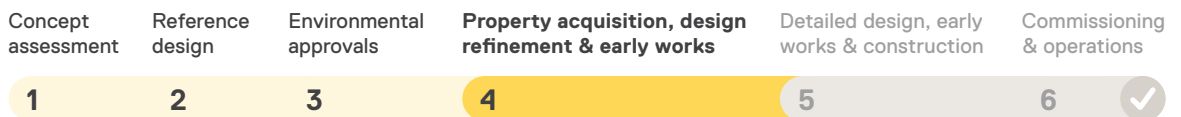
On 31 January 2024, Inland Rail received approval from the Australian Government to construct the N2N section. This followed detailed assessment by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

In February 2023, the New South Wales Government approved N2N’s Critical State Significant Infrastructure planning application.

Both levels of approval come with strict conditions relating to the management and mitigation of environmental and social impacts. These conditions will be monitored and reported on during and after construction.



## Project stages



Stages 3-5 may occur in parallel



Artist's impression of the Inland Rail bridge over The Island Road and Narrabri Creek, Narrabri, NSW

## What's been happening

### Community engagement

Since 2015 we've been consulting with impacted residents, local councils and community members through one-on-one discussions, briefings, meetings and workshops.

We remain committed to working with the community to ensure the best outcome for the region.

### Field investigations

A broad range of technical and field studies were undertaken during the project's environmental approvals stage.

Most recently we've focused on biodiversity assessments and geotechnical investigations to understand ground conditions.

### Rail corridor acquisition

In April 2021 we commenced discussions with directly impacted landowners to acquire land to secure of the rail corridor, and this work will continue in 2024.

## What happens next

### Addressing conditions of approval

In 2024 we will continue addressing conditions of approval to secure the environmental permits and licenses that are required for the next stage of investigative activities.

### Confirming the delivery scope

Refining the design and understanding engineering requirements based on the conditions of approval are crucial next steps. We will then be able to finalise the construction scope and schedule.

## Project and route planning timeline

- **2024** In January the Australian Government approved the project to progress, with conditions under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
- **2023** The NSW Government approved the planning application with conditions.
- **2022** A Preferred Infrastructure/Amendment Report addressing community feedback was placed on public exhibition.
- **2020** The Environmental Impact Statement was placed on public exhibition.
- **2018** NSW and Australian Governments sign a Bilateral Agreement on Inland Rail, aligning on guiding principles for its delivery.
- **2017** Several route options are assessed and the final route is determined.
- **2015** Consultation about the project with landowners begins.



## About Inland Rail

Inland Rail is a 1,600km fast freight rail line between Brisbane and Melbourne that is connecting businesses, manufacturers and producers to national and global markets and generating opportunities for industries and regions during construction and beyond.

Delivering Inland Rail will help shift more goods onto rail and take tens of thousands of large trucks off our roads. This means faster, more reliable freight; safer, less congested roads; and fewer emissions.

## Did you know?



74% of freight between Melbourne and Brisbane is moved by road



Moving freight by rail is four times more fuel-efficient than by road



One 1,800m Inland Rail train will take 110 B-double trucks off regional roads

## Find out more



We remain committed to working with the community to ensure the best outcome for the region and encourage you to get in touch with us, with questions big or small.

Stop by our Narrabri office or call on **1800 732 761**.



For more information, to view the interactive project map, or subscribe to our newsletter, visit [inlandrail.com.au/n2n](http://inlandrail.com.au/n2n).

