

# PROJECT FACT SHEET

## NSW

## About the Narromine to Narrabri project

The Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) project comprises 306km of new rail corridor and track. The project will enable trains to connect with other sections of Inland Rail to the north and south, completing one of the missing rail links along the supply chain route. The line will accommodate double-stacked freight trains up to 1,800m long and 6.5m high and travelling at speeds of up to 115km/hr.

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 design features 12 active and 51 passive level crossings, 75 new bridges and viaducts and seven crossing loops, each up to 2.2km long.

To get a bird's eye view of the Narromine to Narrabri section and see the structures of the current design, go to **inlandrail.com.au/n2n-works-planning** and watch the fly-throughs.

#### What has been happening?

- In December 2020, Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) lodged the Narromine to Narrabri Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). It was on public exhibition for three months, from Tuesday 8 December 2020 until Sunday 7 February 2021.
- In early 2021 the N2N project was granted 'Critical State Significant Infrastructure' (CSSI) status by DPE.

- In August 2021, the NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads approved the acquisition of land by Transport for NSW, for the N2N project.
- In late 2021, ARTC appointed ACCIONA and CPB
  Contractors Joint Venture (ACACPB JV) as the preferred
  contractor to deliver detailed design and civil construction,
  and Martinus as the preferred contractor to lay the
  rail track.
- In January 2022, ARTC opened a new Inland Rail office and shopfront at 85 Maitland Street, Narrabri. Open on weekdays, the new space gives the community a chance to get the latest project information in person.
- In March 2022, ARTC lodged an EIS Response to Submissions Report and Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR) to DPE for adequacy review.

#### **Next steps**

We expect to reach three key milestones in the next 12 months:

- Complete the property acquisition process
- Commence detailed design of the full N2N alignment
- Obtain full regulatory and environmental approvals.

You will also begin to see ACACPB JV representatives along the alignment undertaking detailed surveys and field investigations. As the project progresses to the detailed design and construction phase, Inland Rail will continue to engage with the community and impacted landowners.



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### Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR)

The EIS and PIR are based upon extensive field studies. detailed environmental investigations, hydrology modelling, and extensive consultation with communities and landowners. They play a critical role in assessing and mitigating the project's environmental, social and economic effects, as well as identifying the potential opportunities and benefits of Inland Rail.

Following the EIS public exhibition which ended in February 2021, DPE provided the submissions it received to Inland Rail and published them online for the community to access. We are currently preparing a final EIS Response to Submissions Report and the PIR.

Once all documents are finalised they will be shared by DPE on their website. To assist people in understanding the technical aspects of the documents, we will also publish a summary of findings report on the Inland Rail website and encourage people to meet us at information sessions across the region. If you have any questions or comments in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us via the channels detailed below.

Finally, once DPE has assessed the project on its merits it will provide a recommendation (including conditions of approval) to the NSW Minister for Planning and Homes.

## Keep updated

To receive updates, details of upcoming events or other information on the Narromine to Narrabri project, please subscribe to the project newsletter at inlandrail.com.au/subscribe

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85 Maitland Street, Narrabri



#### 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, please let us know.



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