



PROJECT OVERVIEW

# Stockinbingal to Parkes



The Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P) project is within the existing rail corridor and extends 170km starting just north of Stockinbingal through to Parkes, NSW.

The rail line in this section is already at the standard required to meet future operational demands. Enhancements are required to create the height and width clearances for double-stacked freight trains. These enhancements involve modifications to existing bridges, stations, signalling infrastructure and overhead services.

Additionally, there are locations where existing tracks need to be slewed (moved sideways) to increase clearances, or lowered to provide clearance under existing road bridges.

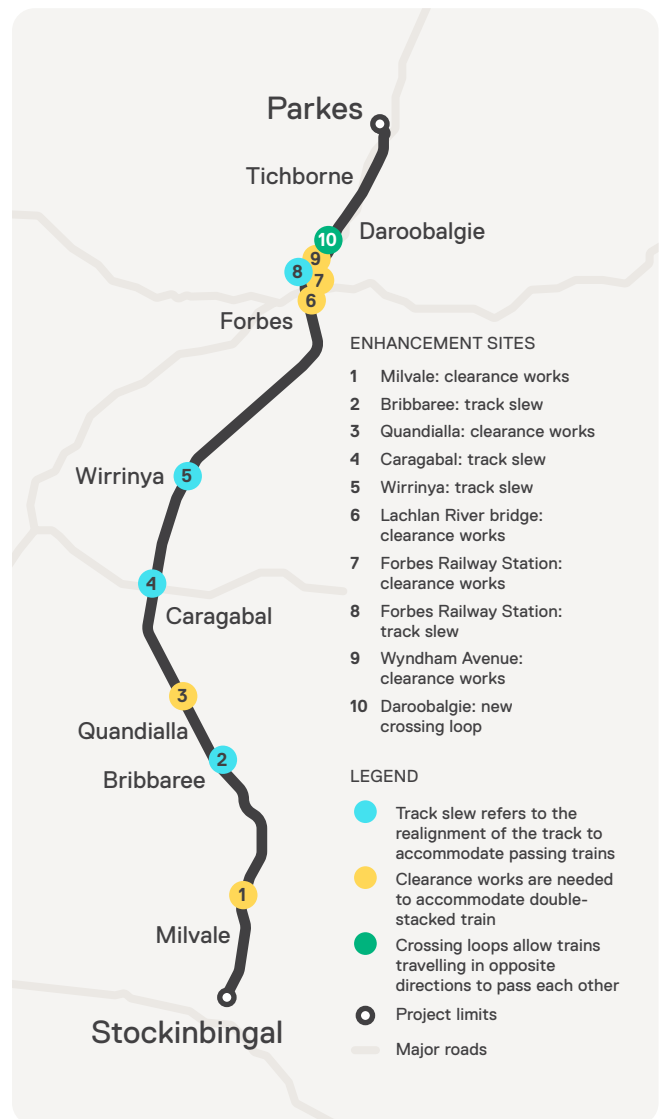
A new crossing loop is being constructed at Daroobalgie, north of Forbes, to allow trains to pass each other and provide more operational flexibility in the rail network.

## What's happened?

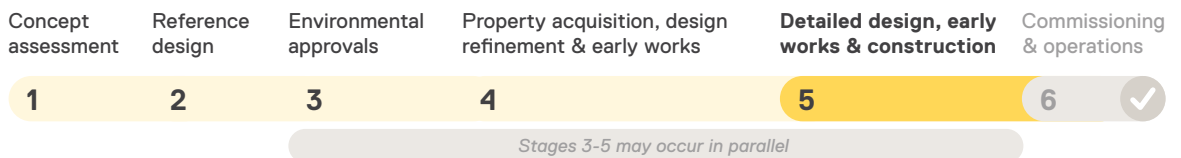
Planning approvals for the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for each enhancement project were granted between November 2021 and March 2023 with Heritage approval for Forbes Station granted in March 2022.

In June 2023, Inland Rail appointed Martinus Rail to design and construct the Albury to Illabo and Stockinbingal to Parkes sections.

Martinus Rail commenced construction on the Stockinbingal to Parkes section in September 2023 during a 60-hour track possession. Since then works have been carried out in later track possessions, along with general day to day activities.



## Project stages



## Project delivery

As the awarded construction contractor, Martinus Rail are implementing delivery initiatives related to industry participation, local employment and workforce development targets. meet targets related to industry participation, employment and workforce development.

Local and Indigenous businesses interested in supply opportunities offered by Martinus Rail should register on the ICN Gateway [inlandrail.com.au/opportunities/suppliers](https://inlandrail.com.au/opportunities/suppliers).

## What's next?

Works at all locations are progressing, with the project well on track for completion in 2027. In some locations work will occur during major shutdowns of the rail network.

Inland Rail and Martinus will continue to work with stakeholders and community to keep them informed of these works. Details of the works can be found at [inlandrail.info/s2p-works](https://inlandrail.info/s2p-works).

## Enhancement sites

### Daroobalgie crossing loop:

The crossing loop at Daroobalgie features 2.21km of new track built to the eastern side of the existing track and includes the replacement and extension of culverts to mitigate flooding on neighbouring land. Community feedback has resulted in



Forbes Station, Forbes, NSW

an upgrade to the Daroobalgie Road level crossing to be active with boom gates, bells and lights.

### Wyndham Avenue track lower:

The existing track has been lowered by up to 1.5m under the Wyndham Avenue road bridge to increase vertical clearance to 7.1m to allow for double-stacked freight trains.

**Lachlan River rail bridge:** Will be modified, removing the minimum bracing required and adding a non-intrusive brace design to reinforce the existing structure. Preparatory work has been completed, with the structural work currently underway.

**Forbes Station:** The station awning has been trimmed by 300mm to provide the necessary horizontal clearance, while having full consideration for heritage impacts. The main line track has been slewed by 540mm for approximately 500m. The loop track has also been slewed for approximately 140m.

**Milvale water tank:** Limited structure modifications to enable double stacked train operations including removal of a redundant wire and associated bracket.

**Wirrinya:** Track slewed up to 350mm for about 520m.

**Caragabal:** Track slewed up to 30mm for about 250m.

**Quandialla:** Removal of redundant pipework from a water tank adjacent to the track.

**Bribbaree:** Track slewed up to 300mm for about 940m, including formation and associated drainage works.

## Enhancement sites update

### Works completed

Caragabal, Bribbaree, Forbes Station, Quandialla and Milvale water tanks

### Works commenced

Daroobalgie crossing loop, Wyndham Avenue track lower, Lachlan River rail bridge

### Works commencing 2024/25

Wirrinya



## About Inland Rail

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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.

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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

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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 Parkes office or call on 1800 732 761.



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