



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Albury to Illabo



The Albury to Illabo (A2I) project is within the existing rail corridor and extends 185km between the Vic/NSW border and Illabo, 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, signalling infrastructure, overhead services and level crossings.

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.

What's happened

Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR) Response to Submissions Report: Inland Rail submitted a PIR Response to Submissions (RtS) report to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in February 2024. The PIR RtS provides an analysis of and response to the issues raised during the PIR public exhibition that occurred in November and December 2023.

Design and construct contract award: In June 2023, Inland Rail appointed Martinus Rail to design and construct enhancement works on the Albury to Illabo and Stockinbingal to Parkes sections.

What's next?

DPHI will consider the EIS, PIR and both Response to Submissions reports in its assessment of the Albury to Illabo project. DPHI will then make a final recommendation for the Minister to approve or refuse the proposed project.

For more information about the project's EIS and next steps, visit planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/inland-rail-albury-illabo.

With the design and construct contractor onboard, the A2I project has commenced detailed design. The detailed design will build upon the reference designs developed for the enhancement sites.

Utility relocations at several locations along the Albury to Illabo alignment will continue in 2024. Each utility relocation is assessed under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

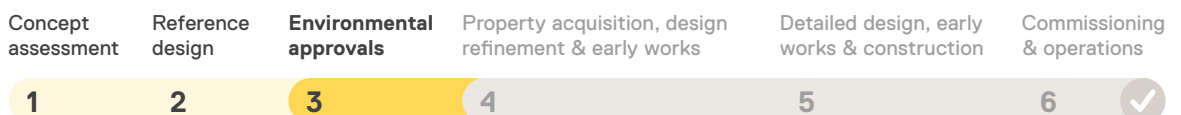
The types of works include relocation of gas and electricity services, sewer and water mains, and telecommunication infrastructure. This enables the proposed Inland Rail works to proceed more efficiently once approved. Stakeholders potentially affected by these works will be notified and kept informed throughout.

For further information visit inlandrail.com.au/a2i.



Aerial view of Murray River Bridge, Albury, NSW

Project stages



Stages 3-5 may occur in parallel

Fast facts

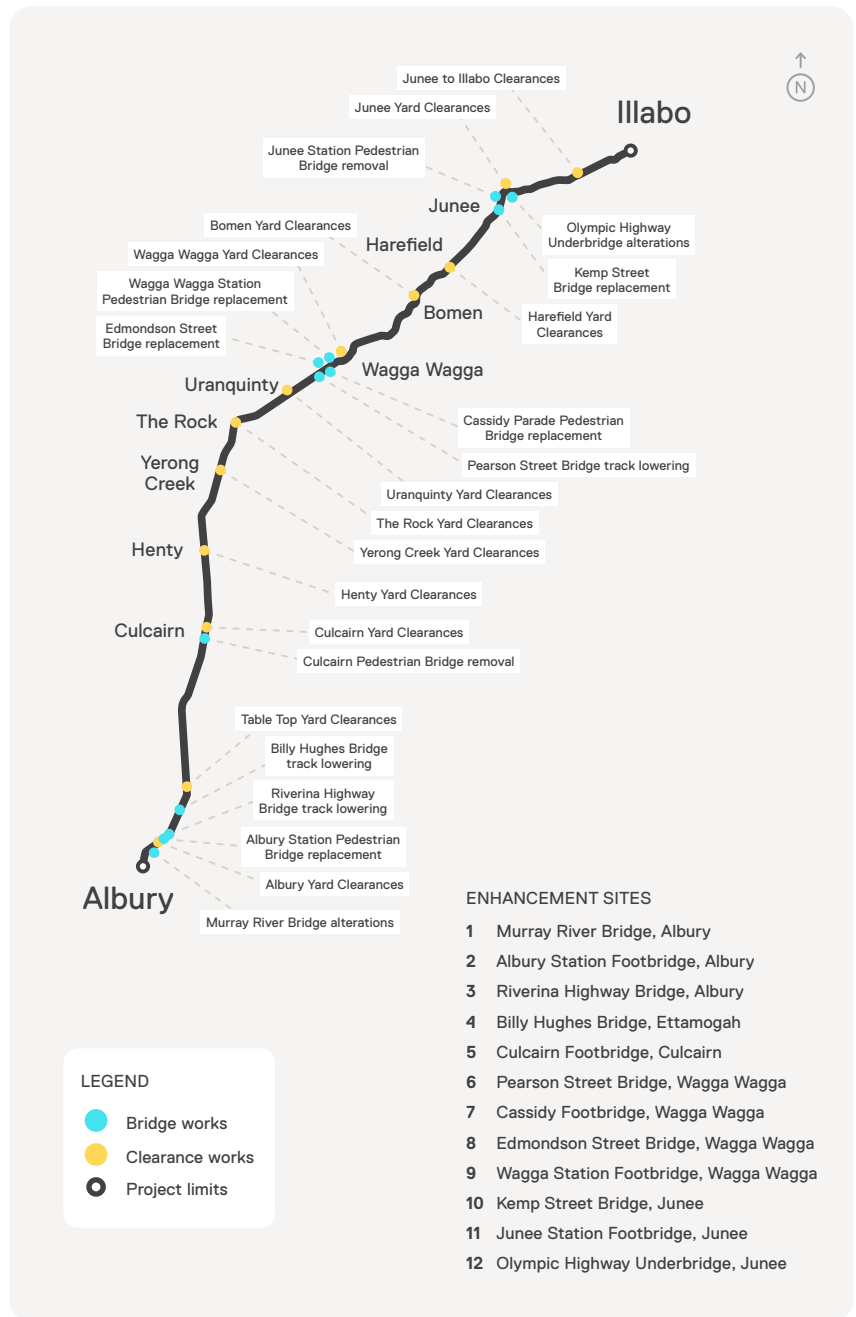
Train numbers

Following the completion of this section of the Inland Rail route, train numbers are expected to start low and gradually increase once the full Inland Rail project is operating. A daily peak of 18 trains (Albury to Junee) and 20 trains (Junee to Illabo) per day is forecast for 2040 on this section.

Traffic

One of the key activities to be completed is the reconstruction of the Edmondson Street bridge in Wagga Wagga. This will require the closure of Edmondson Street for approximately 18 months. Inland Rail has studied the effects of this closure on local traffic patterns, which will be most noticeable at peak times. As there are limited crossing points of the railway, we are investigating solutions around encouraging the broader dispersal of traffic through these routes.

Once Inland Rail operations commence and train numbers increase, additional train movements will increase the number of level crossing activations. Given the train numbers, most level crossing closure durations will be unchanged. Traffic modelling has analysed the time that traffic takes to clear and considered this against the increase in traffic anticipated as Wagga Wagga continues to grow. On-going monitoring of traffic and train interfaces is planned to guide strategic infrastructure planning.



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