Newsletter Winter 2024

# Narromine to Narrabri

The Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) section comprises 306km of new rail corridor and track. When complete, it will enable freight trains to connect with the section of Inland Rail under construction between Narrabri and North Star and the completed Parkes to Narromine section that is already supporting freight transport to Adelaide and Perth.



# Working closer with farmers and impacted landowners

A key focus for us this year is to increase collaboration with impacted landowners to secure the land required for the Inland Rail corridor. Our dedicated team are working very hard to achieve voluntary agreements negotiated in a fair, transparent and well-informed manner.

This is an opportunity for us to work more closely with impacted N2N landowners to ensure voluntary acquisition agreements are fit for purpose and meet the needs of individual circumstances.

And, importantly, compensation for land acquisition expenses will continue to be governed by the New South Wales *Government's Land Acquisition* (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991. In pivoting to a voluntary negotiation process, independent professional costs related to property negotiations will be assessed in good faith against what Inland Rail considers reasonable. We have established new protocols to bring efficiency to the reimbursement process.

We are committed to ensuring all parties are informed and supported throughout the voluntary acquisition negotiations.

If you are an impacted landowner and have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local Stakeholder Engagement Advisor on 1800 732 761.

Our property negotiations team will also be at the NSW Farmers Conference in Sydney in late July and invite you to stop by the Inland Rail stand to discuss any queries and concerns.

#### Land access permissions key for next round of site investigations

In coming weeks, we'll be seeking permission from landowners to access their properties to conduct follow up geotechnical and site investigations and field studies to determine the full scope and cost of delivering the N2N section.

We are planning to conduct these investigations in the second half of 2024 and we'll agree site access schedules with landowners in advance ro minimise impacts on farming operations.

We thank those landowners who have worked with us so far to enable investigations to happen and we thank all landowners in advance for their continued cooperation and support for these important activities.





#### See what Inland Rail will look like around Narrabri

We've created an animated visualisation of what the bridge over Wee Waa Road (Kamilaroi Highway) and the rest of the viaduct around Narrabri will look like. Scan this QR code to see a flyover of the proposed alignment





#### Boosting work readiness in southern New South Wales

TAFE NSW and the Inland Rail Skills Academy are helping more local businesses and First Nations workers gain the skills to take advantage of a career in the civil construction and rail industries.

More than 20 students, including six First Nations participants, completed Working at Heights and Confined Spaces training at TAFE NSW Albury and Wagga Wagga in May.

Participants included local workers from scaffolding and welding businesses who have previously gained work on Inland Rail sections in Victoria. Some participants also built upon their

earlier training with the Inland Rail Skills Academy, having previously completed a Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure.

The construction industry is the third largest employer of First Nations people in Australia. Of the 18,000 First Nations construction workforce, 12% are female workers.

The three-day programs equipped students with hands-on practical skills to navigate the workplace safely, including using industrystandard equipment, assessing, and recognising potential risks, and building communication skills.

### 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 moving freight by road.



Inland Rail is a 1,600km freight rail line that will connect Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.



#### In the community

We've really enjoyed answering your questions and sharing the latest news on Inland Rail at local Ag shows including Narrabri and Gilgandra. Catch us next at the Narromine Show on 31 August @ Narromine Showgrounds.

#### Hear from Nick, our new CEO

Nick Miller, CEO of Inland Rail shares his perspectives on the project and what he sees as key to delivering the 1,600km rail line.

Scan the QR code below to hear from Nick.





## Want to know more?

Keeping you informed about the N2N section's design development and our proposed impact mitigation actions is important to us, and we will continue working with the community to ensure the best possible outcomes for the region.

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