

# Illabo to Stockinbingal Community Consultative Committee

Cootamundra

8 May 2025



# Acknowledgement of Country

Inland Rail acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.





#### **Conflicts of interest**

Garry West – Chair CCC



# **Agenda**

- 1. Actions from Previous Meeting
- 2. Program overview
- 3. Adjacent Projects Update
- 4. Project Update
- 5. Planning and Environmental Update
- 6. Operational Noise and Vibration
- 7. Engagement Update
- 8. General Business









# Actions from previous meeting

Item	Action
General arrangement design of Burley Griffin Way bridge at Stockinbingal	Addressed in Project Update of this presentation
Noise modelling and mitigation	Covered in Planning and Environment section of this presentation
Review project communications methods	Covered in Community Update section of this presentation
Provide CCC members link to EIS assessment of workforce accommodation camp	Link distributed via email by CCC Chair on 17 March



#### Introduction/Presenters

James Kennedy Delivery Director – A2P

Conrad Strachan
Project Director – I2S

Rachael Labruyere Environmental Manager – A2P

**Susan Kay**Program Principal Advisor

**Eleanor Falkiner** Stakeholder Engagement Lead







### **Program update**

James Kennedy – Delivery Director - A2P



# What you can expect to see in 2025



Inland Rail Team mobilisation – our team will be on site and in towns, from site inspections to door knocks and community events



Contractor (John Holland) mobilisation – John Holland are on site along the alignment completing early enabling works. In the second half of 2025 you can expect to see the commencement of construction across many sites.



You will also see an increased presence from Martinus, the delivery contractor for the Albury to Illabo (A2I) section of the project, in the Illabo area



### **Annual Sustainability Report**

FY24

About Inland Red About. this Report Leadership and awareness

Governance and economy

Resource use

Sustainable procurement Future operations

#### Highlights





\$226,144

in community grants to 70 recipients



Environment.

and heritage

offset credits acquired in NSW



verified by the Infrastructure Sustainability Council on the Narrabri to North Star Phase 1 project



on construction projects



sustainability contractor forums



local construction-related

jobs created

spent with local businesses and \$6m spent with First Nations businesses



businesses

attended workforce development events held in regional NSW



Inland Rail-developed Business Sustainability webinars completed\*



diverted from landfill on Narrabri to North Star Phase 1 project



construction and

delivered to 207 participants by the Inland Rail Skills Academy



of sustainability capacity toolkits from the Inland Rail website\*



participated in Inland Rail-supported STEM activities, taking the total to 609 schools involved since 2020



upskilling 121 local businesses



1,500+ students

participated in Inland Rail-supported STEM activities in FY24, taking the total to over 11,500 students since 2020

<sup>\*</sup>Data was impacted by a change from Google Universal Analytics to GA4. Data is only reliable after 1 Jan 2024.

# **Adjacent Projects Update**

#### Albury to Illabo (A2I)

- State Approval received in October 2024
- Contractor Martinus is currently working through detailed design and secondary approvals
- Enabling works near Edmondson Street Bridge to be undertaken in Q1 2025, includes electricity pole relocations and gas relocations
- Major construction to begin in Q3 2025

#### **Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)**

- Closing out Daroobalgie Loop and Lachlan River Bridge
- Surveying and design checks
   – power poles
- Works expected to be completed mid 2025





# **Beveridge to Albury (B2A) Update**

#### Tranche 1 – first 4 sites in Victoria

- March Project completion at Glenrowan
- March Pedestrian underpass opens in Wangaratta
- April Seymour-Avenel Road opens to public
- April first trains stop at new Wangaratta station platform

#### Tranche 2 – remaining 8 sites in Victoria

- Over the last 6 months community engagement for preliminary design on all 8 sites
- Site establishment and early works commenced across all Tranche 2 sites
- May major construction commencing in Euroa



Birkett St level crossing upgrade works for Euroa detour route.



# **B2A - Green Street Bridge, Wangaratta**







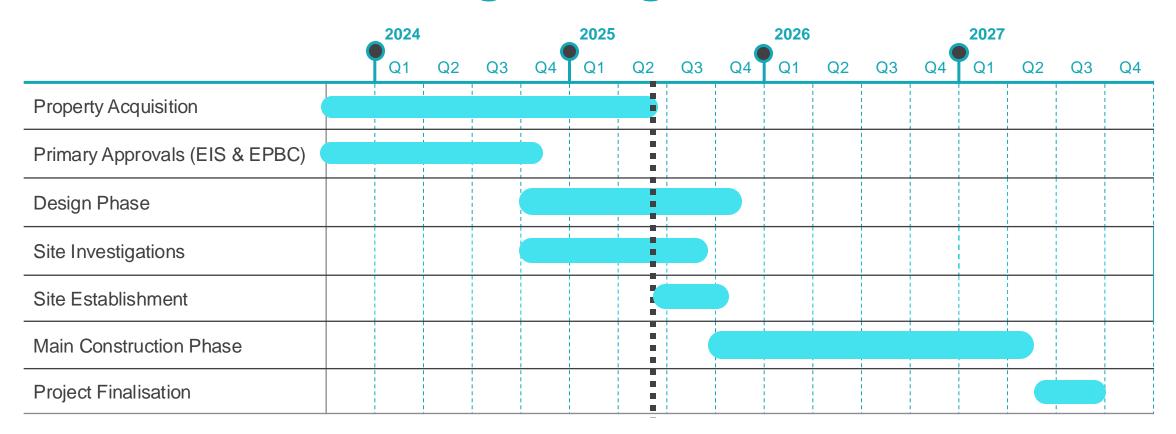


# **Project update**

Conrad Strachan – Project Director I2S



### Illabo to Stockinbingal Program





#### Three month lookahead

- Ongoing investigations including:
  - Biodiversity investigations
  - Geotechnical investigations
  - Utility investigations & relocations
  - Heritage investigations
- Rail Possession 3-5 May 2025
- Management Plan development
- Design development and consultation
- Procurement
- Site sheds/compounds/laydown establishment
- Temporary Workers' Accommodation establishment at Stockinbingal





# **Utility Relocations**

- Utilities relocation designs continuing in Q2 2025, these works include:
  - Goldenfields Water relocation
  - APA Gas relocation
  - Communications relocations (Telstra, NBN and Optus)
- Consultation with key stakeholders will be undertaken on designs of relocated services







# Temporary Workers' Accommodation, Stockinbingal

- Grogan Road, Stockinbingal between Racecourse Lane and McLaughlins Lane
- Site Area: 7.7ha
- location assessed in the NSW Government Planning approval / Inland Rail EIS
- Consultation underway to develop a Social Impact Management Plan
- the Plan must be endorsed by the Environmental Representative and submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval one (1) month prior to establishment of the accommodation facility
- Camp Establishment period Jun-25 Aug-25





#### **Temporary Workers' Accommodation**

- Specialist private camp operator to set up, manage, demobilise camp for duration of project
- Accommodate up to 350+ beds
- Demobilised at the end of use and site rehabilitated
- Code of Conduct for all employees/contractors

The accommodation facility will include the following facilities:

- o Room including desk and ensuite
- Administration office
- Kitchen and dining facilities
- Car, bus and truck parking
- Recreation room and gymnasium
- Laundry facilities
- Landscaping







Traffic management around camp

- Transport Buses have designated pickup/drop off zone within camp
- Traffic control measures signage, speed limit changes, traffic control to be confirmed with Cootamundra Gundagai Council
- Working Hours
  - 7am 6pm Monday to Friday
  - 7am 6pm Saturday
  - No time on Sunday/Public Holidays
- Staff Roster 14 days on/7 days off
  - Buses transporting workers from regional airports to Site
  - Bus transport workers to site and back each day





#### **Utility requirements for Camp**

- Areas of hardstand for carparking and demountables
- Potable Water mains connection or water trucks (subject to approvals)
- Sewerage/Wastewater stored onsite in tanks and trucked offsite
- Electricity connected to network or onsite generators
- Telecommunications Satellite (eg Starlink)
- Final details determined when contract awarded to private operator







# **Burley Griffin Way, Stockinbingal**

Visualisation of works

Illabo to Stockinbingal: Works & Planning Information - Inland Rail

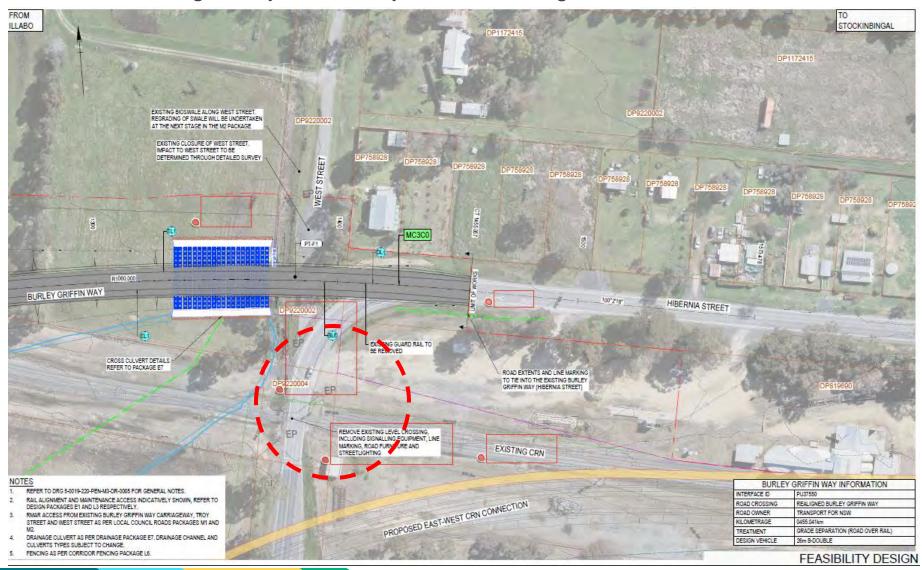


Indicative design visualisation only



#### High Level Scope – Removal of Burley Griffin Way Level Crossing

Removal of existing Burley Griffin Way Level Crossing







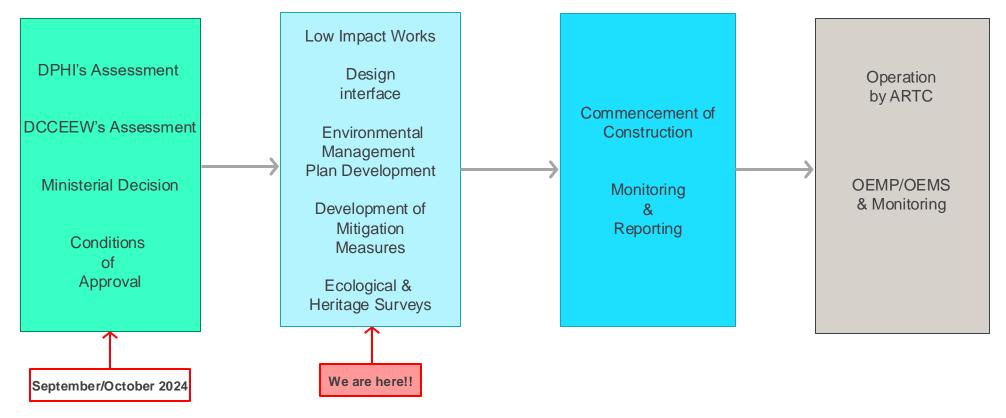
### **Planning and Environment**

Rachael Labruyere



# Approvals and Construction







# Hydrology

- Design of railway drainage has strict criteria around changes to flood behaviours and discharge of water
- Investigations and field studies inform the design (ongoing)
- Conditions of Approval (29 total)
- Peer Review and Consultation





# Conditions of Approval – Flooding and Hydrology

**E47** All practicable measures to be implemented to ensure the CSSI will not adversely affect flood behaviour, cause erosion, siltation, destruction of riparian vegetation or impact on watercourses.

**E48** Flood modelling to be undertaken during design including an assessment of the associated flood impacts.

**E54 and E55** The CSSI must be designed to meet or improve on flood performance from the reference design within the Quantitative Design Limits for flooding

**E64** A Flood Design Verification Report must be prepared to demonstrate compliance of the CSSI design.

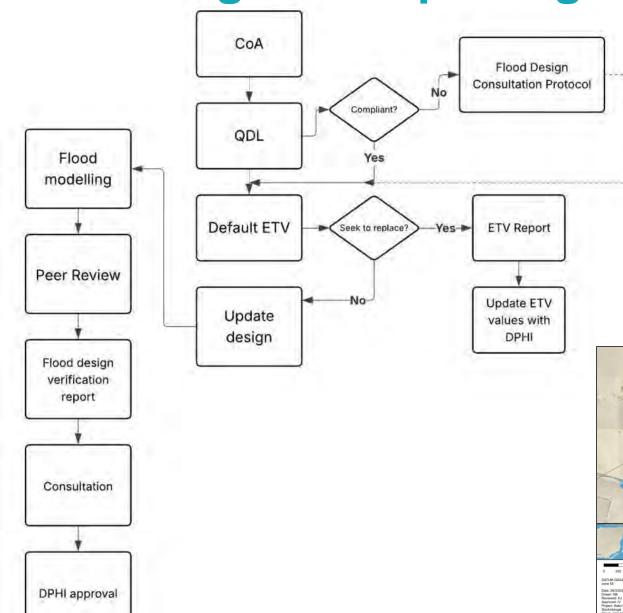
**E66** The Flood Design Verification Report must be submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval

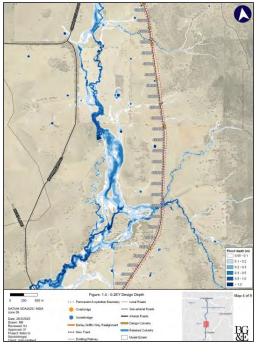
**E71** Following substation completion and for 15 years of operation Flood Review Reports must be prepared.

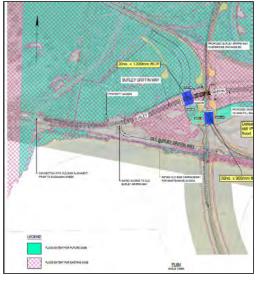




# Flood Modelling and Reporting Process









# 12S – Ecological Surveys

- Completion of the Summer and Autumn Woodland Bird Surveys
- Commencement of Squirrel Glider Surveys
- Surveys are aimed at determining fauna movements and controls to be implemented during construction and mitigations post construction.
- The survey timing and periods has been based on the number of sightings of species throughout the year.
- Surveyors will be trapping and tracking the gliders during the day and night between May and July 2025
- Use of collars to track squirrel glider movements
- Survey results are used to inform the Fauna Connectivity Strategy.











### **Operational Noise and Vibration**

Susan Kay – Program Principal Advisor



### **Operational Noise and Vibration Review (ONVR)**

- Rail and Road ONVR
- Rail: EIS identified 6 residential and 2 non-residential exceedances:
  - Stockinbingal 4 residential and 2 non-residential exceedances
  - Bethungra / Illabo Junction 1 residential exceedance
  - Illabo 1 residential exceedance
- Road: EIS identified 1 residential exceedance in Stockinbingal
- Operational Noise and Vibration Review is based on the final project design and is IRPL's commitment to mitigation. Includes:
  - Updated noise model
  - Results of façade inspection for non-residential receivers (internal criteria) rail only
  - Community consultation
- Verified by an independent expert and approved by DPHI



# **Operational Noise Mitigation**

- The EIS identified at-property treatments as the most reasonable and feasible mitigation measure for residential properties
- The type of property treatment is dependent on the type of property, the impacted rooms and the exceedance above the criteria
  - Includes air conditioning, ceiling fans, upgraded glazing, solid core doors, blocking gaps in eaves tailored to each property
- Locomotive Noise Control Program will benefit I2S. Targets four locomotive classes (C, CLF, AN and EL)
- Following completion of ONVR, the scope of work for each property will be developed in consultation with property owners.



# **Operational Noise CoAs**

- E15 Prepare an ONVR (rail) in consultation with EPA and impacted sensitive receivers
- E16 Operational rail noise monitoring within 1 year and after 10 years of operation
- E17 Prepare an ONVR (road) in consultation with EPA and impacted sensitive receivers
- E18 Operational road noise monitoring within 1 year and after 10 years of operation
- E19 Measures identified in ONVRs must be implemented
- **E20** Timing of implementation of mitigation measures





# **Community Update**

Eleanor Falkiner – Stakeholder Engagement Lead I2S



### **Engagement Review**

- I2S Team have reviewed communications methods, channels and distribution lists
- Working with John Holland on a program of comprehensive consultation
  - Project Updates and Fact Sheets to directly and indirectly impacted landowners (5-10km from the alignment)
  - Community Drop In Sessions in Junee and Illabo
  - Presentations to Community Groups in Stockinbingal
  - Advertising in local papers and social media
  - Community Drop In Session Stockinbingal
  - Utilising Council communications channels
  - Seeking feedback on how/where community likes to receive information





# **Engagement Overview Q1 2025**

ACTIVITY	PURPOSE
Establish Monthly meetings with Junee and Cootamundra – Gundagai Regional Councils	<ul><li>introduce John Holland,</li><li>review management plans and</li><li>manage MIRDA commitments</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Meet the Contractor Events – 17 &amp; 18 March</li> <li>Cootamundra (approx. 140 attendees)</li> <li>Wagga Wagga (approx. 90 attendees)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Introduce John Holland to the community &amp; local business</li> <li>Inform of employment &amp; training opportunities</li> </ul>
STEM on Track events – Wagga and Albury, April 1-3	Build STEM capability in local schools & communities
Social Impact Management Plan Consultation – April	<ul> <li>CoA E109, E110</li> <li>Develop SIMP to mitigate impacts from construction &amp; operation</li> </ul>
Land Access negotiations for Low Impact Works / Site Investigations	Inform design, construction and operation of Inland Rail
Communication & Engagement Review	<ul> <li>Increase awareness of project</li> <li>improve communications reach and outline channels for feedback</li> </ul>



#### Social Impact Management Plan Engagement approach



#### **Targeted Engagement**

Focused engagement with specific stakeholder groups on social impacts most relevant to their particular business, interests, or community.

- Councils
- Emergency services
- Business and industry
- Aboriginal and First Nations
- Education and Employment
- Community Groups and services
- Tourism and Accommodation
- Nearby projects



#### **Broader engagement**

Community drop-in session in Junee and Illabo, posters and community feedback survey.



# **I2S** social impact themes

Workforce Management Community Health and Wellbeing

Housing availability and affordability

Community Engagement Industry Participation

Cumulative impacts from other infrastructure projects.



**SIMP Consultation Outcomes** 

Approx 16 meetings held, received feedback from 47 stakeholders

- Top Issues; impact on local traffic (harvest, Burley Griffin Way, driver etiquette), engaging local workforce and industry, communication methods, cumulative impacts
- Outcomes (examples)
  - Specialised consultation on hydrology and the camp in Stockinbingal
  - Consultation with local group fire captains Illabo and Stockinbingal
  - Legacy Projects
  - Bus operator consultation
- Next Steps
  - Survey available to the community until 16/05/25
  - SIMP plan submitted to IR and ER and DPHI
  - SIMP publicly available
  - Monitored Quarterly and reported against every 6 months





# **Upcoming engagement** activities – Q2 2025

ACTIVITY	TIMING
Detailed Design Consultation with private landowners	May to July
Social Impact Management Plan consultation	w/c 28 April w/c 5 May
Community Drop In Sessions Junee and Illabo	Monday 5 May
Presentation to Stockinbingal Community Group	w/c 5 May
Ecological Surveys including woodland bird surveys and squirrel glider surveys	May – July
Establishment Works of Temporary Workers Accommodation – Stockinbingal	TBC – June to August
Consultation, Awareness and Education pre-construction	June – September







#### **General Business**

Garry West – Chair CCC





#### **Conclusion and confirmation of actions**

Garry West - Chair CCC





# Thank you

