Albury to Illabo Community Consultative Committee

Wagga Wagga sub-committee

Wednesday 6 August 2025

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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.

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Conflicts of interest

Garry West – Chair CCC

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Agenda

- Actions from previous meeting
- Program and Project update
- Planning and Environmental update
  - Operational Air Quality Monitoring
  - Climate Change Risk Assessment
- Community update
- General Business

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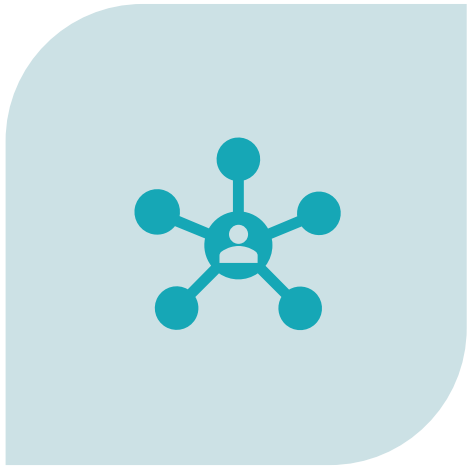
Actions from Previous Meetings



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Introduction/Presenters

Malcolm Clark
Project Director - A2I/S2P

Rachael Labruyere
Environmental Manager – A2P

Kate Hardy
Stakeholder Engagement Lead - A2I

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Program and Project Update

Malcolm Clark – Project Director A2I/S2P

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Adjacent Projects Update

Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)

- Detailed design and consultation ongoing
- Establishment of Workers Accommodation has commenced at Stockinbingal
- Continuation of low impact works, Geotech and potholing, fencing, winter bird surveys

Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)

- S2P major construction nearing completion
- Earthworks underway at Daroobalgie and Wyndham
- Overhead wire relocations to start later this year
- Heritage Interpretation Signage to be installed at Forbes Station

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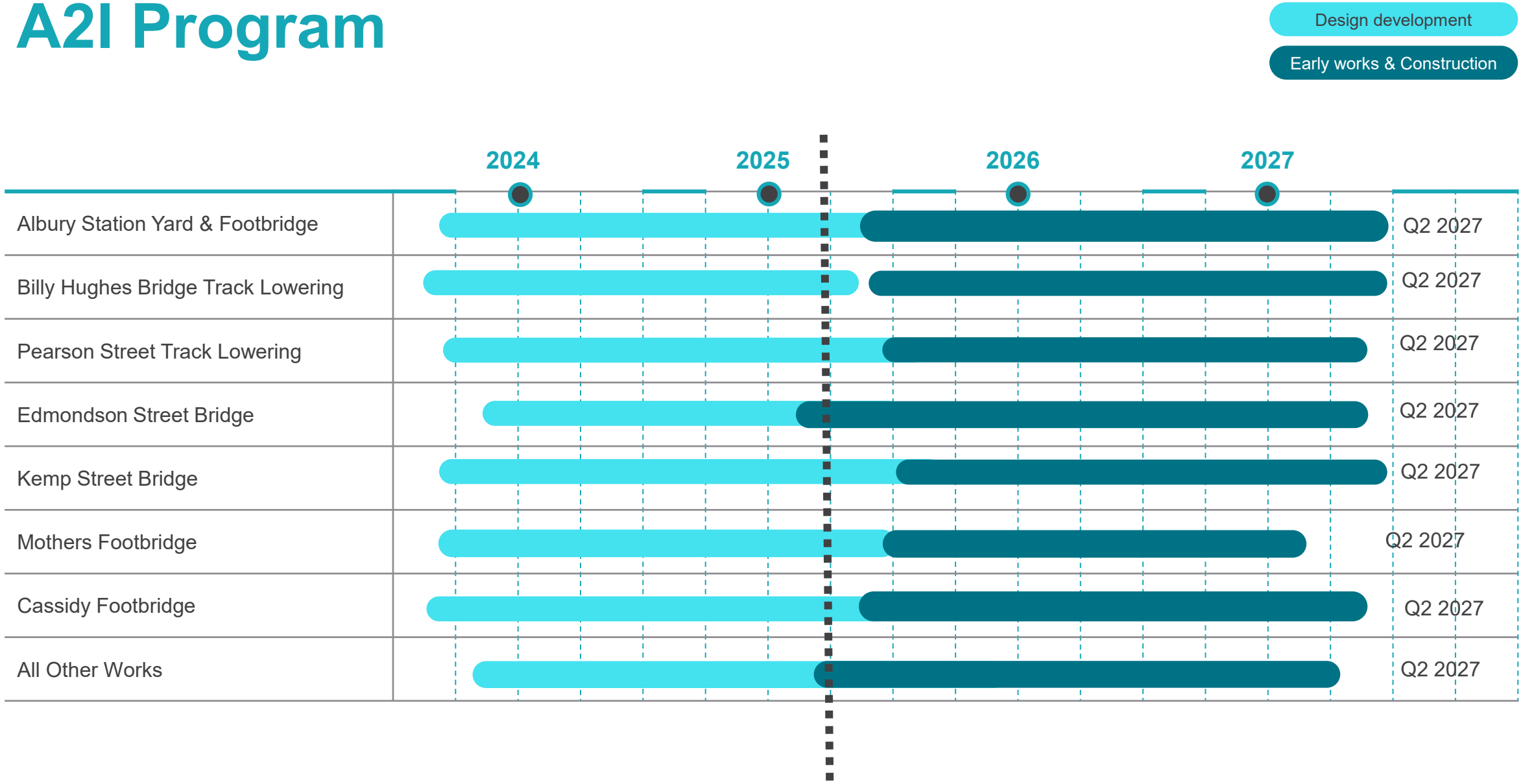
A2I Program



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A2I Project Update

- A2I moving from Construction Stage A to Stage B
- Enabling works are continuing around Edmondson St and Kildare Catholic College
- Site compound establishment to occur near Pearson Street works, Bomen and Junee
- Works occurring from Junee to Illabo
- Major construction to begin in Q3 2025
- Work continues with key stakeholders to progress and seek approval for Traffic Management plans and to confirm the new bussing routes for Wagga Wagga
- Out of hours works and night closure of Edmondson St bridge Wagga completed in July

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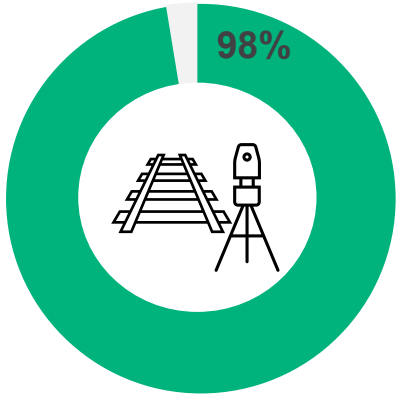
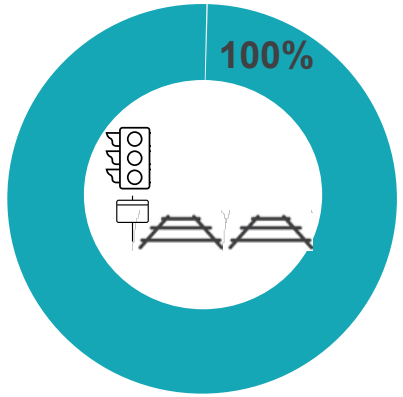
A2I Design Progress

Martinus Design – ITC Contract

Clearance Sites



Junee to Illabo



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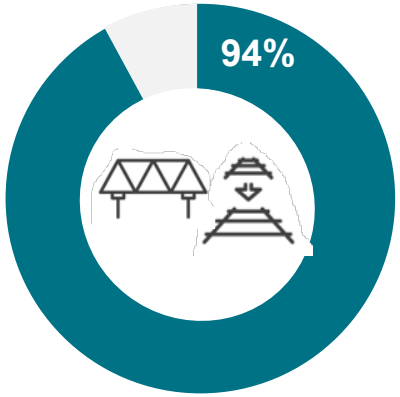

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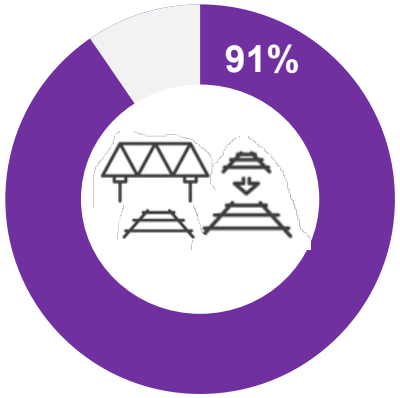

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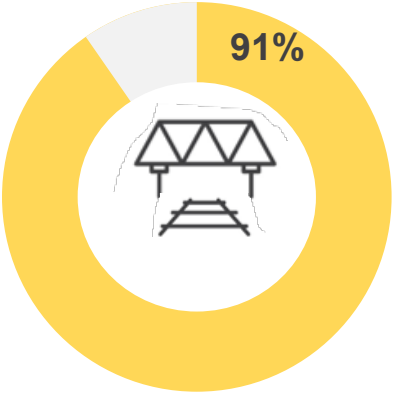

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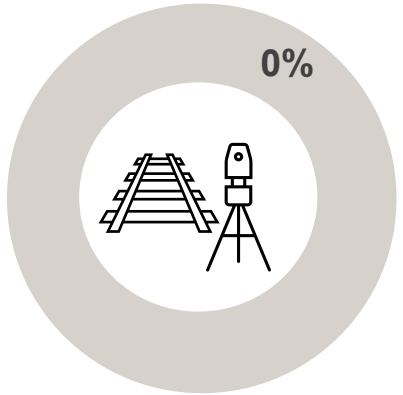

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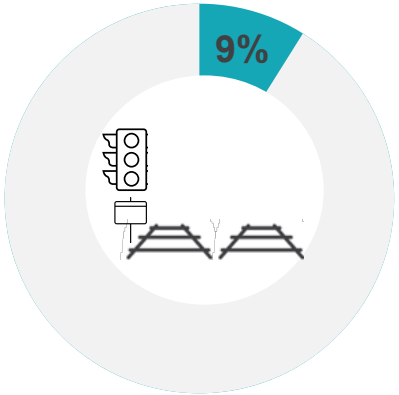

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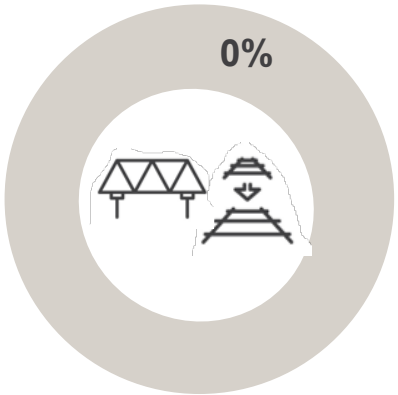

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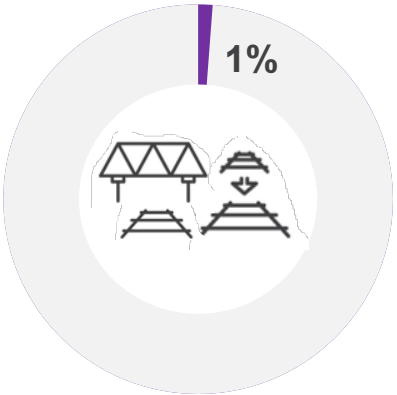

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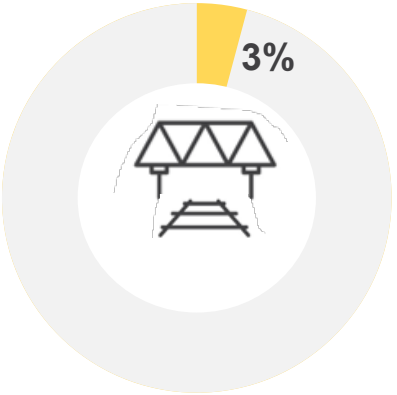

Albury to Illabo – Edmondson St works

Installation of new power poles at Edmondson Street in relation to the 66kV overhead power relocation

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Material Sampling on the Edmondson Street bridge approaches in preparation for the upcoming demolition works

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Wagga Traffic Management Plan

- Currently in a **collaborative review** with Wagga Wagga City Council and Transport for NSW. Following this review, the plan will be submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for approval. This is currently anticipated late in 2025 and not in advance of the September track shutdown initially targeted.
  - focus on mitigation strategies to address identified problematic locations
  - modelling scenarios of proposed detours and mitigations
- Building of the new Edmondson Street bridge is unable to commence until the plan has been approved by DPHI. This is being discussed as a matter of urgency with regular workshops ongoing with council and TfNSW.
- Under the current approvals, we'll continue working on and around Edmondson Street bridge during the September track possession. **The bridge will remain open to traffic.**
- Engagement with the Wagga Wagga community will occur to inform them when the **pre-construction traffic trial** will start, when the bridge will close and what the temporary traffic mitigation measures will be during these periods
- **Bus routes** - discussions with local bus operators to finalise **alternate bus routes** for when the bridge is closed

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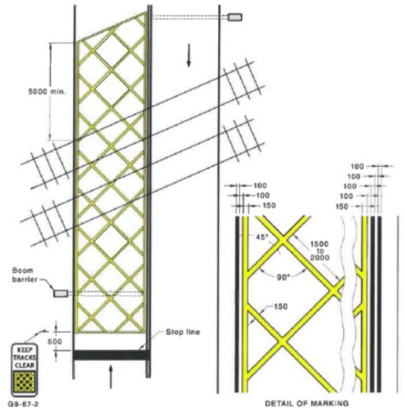
Summary of Primary Mitigations

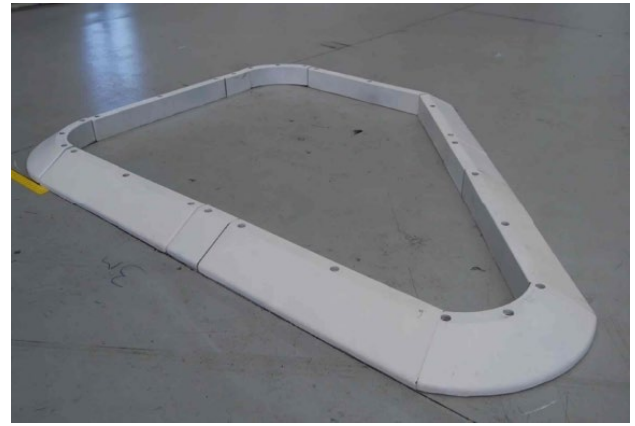
To address the issues that have been identified as problematic, network mitigation strategies have been developed to:

- reduce demand on critical routes by encouraging road users to make alternative route choices
- optimise traffic flow through critical corridors
- restrict traffic flow from one part of a road network to another
- manage access, particularly for emergency services
- reduce construction traffic demand on critical routes
- seek to address safety concerns
- provides relevant traveller information
- encourage commuter behaviour changes
- encourage journey pre-planning

Summary of Primary Corridor/Site Mitigations

Rapid deployment/modification and removal, flexible, expandable, adaptable





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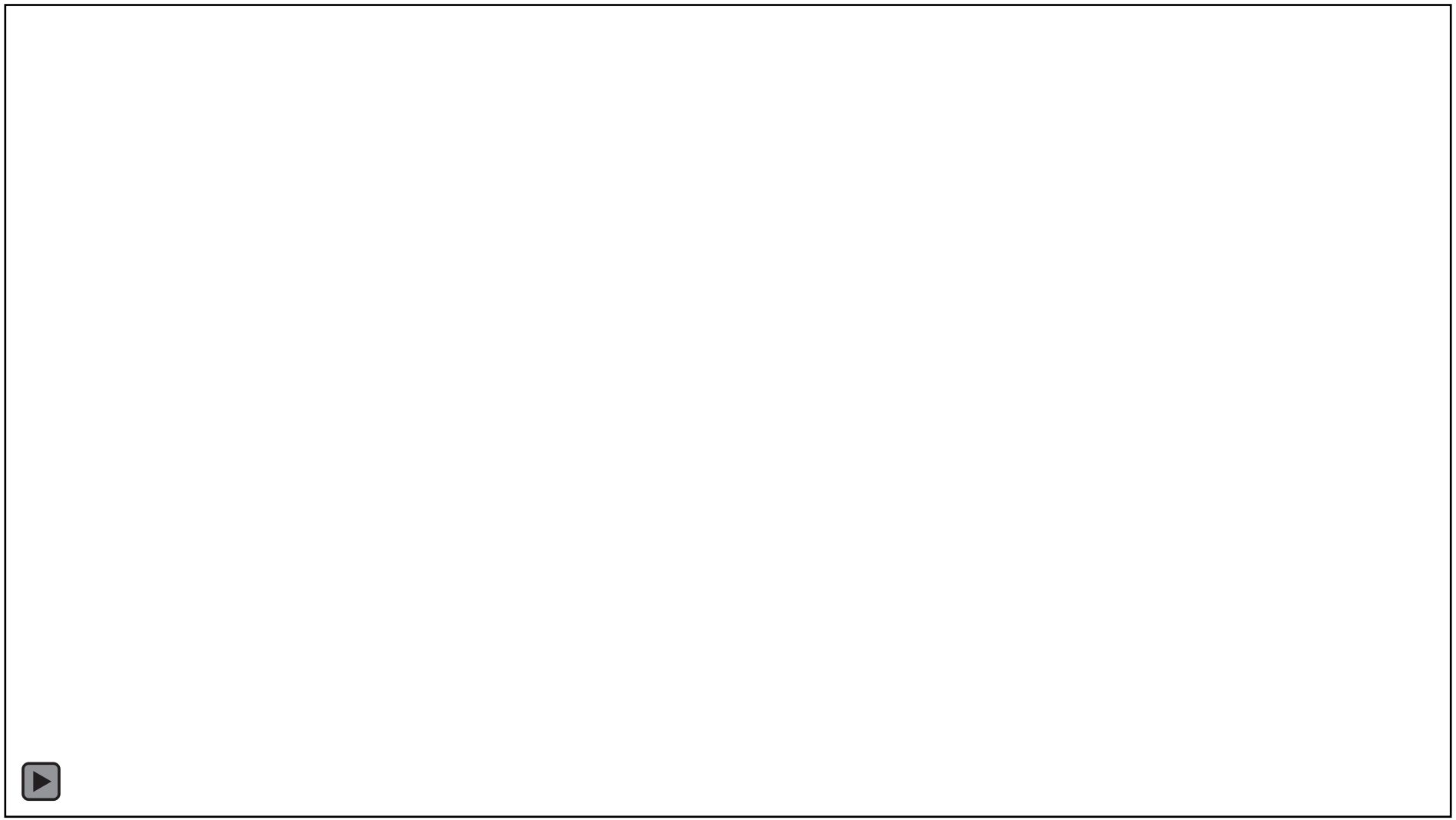
Junee – Kemp St Visualisation



Junee Connectivity

- Pedestrian options during Kemp St closure:
  - Community transport mini-bus
  - School bus pass subsidy
  - Taxi vouchers
- Proposed conditions of approval received DPHI for the Junee Kemp St bridge modification

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Lookahead to September 2025

Timing	Activity
Quarter 3, 2025	• Edmondson St Bridge: Relocation of APA medium pressure gas main • Edmondson St Bridge: Final cutover of Essential Energy 66kV electrical overheads • Mobilise Junee / Kemp Street site compound (Junee) • Commence construction of the Junee Train Driver Change Platforms • Establishment of Pearson St site compound (Wagga) • September possession • Construct temporary footbridge access at Cassidy & Wagga Station • Continuation of track works between Junee and Illabo • Commence works in Albury precinct – Albury Station and Billy Hughes Bridge

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September Possession

Wagga Wagga:

- Under the current approvals continuing the work on and around Edmondson Street bridge
- Bridge will remain open to traffic

Junee:

- Kemp Street bridge closure from end of August
- Kemp Street bridge removal during September possession

The Rock:

- Minor signalling work

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Planning and Environment

Rachael Labruyere - Environment Manager A2P

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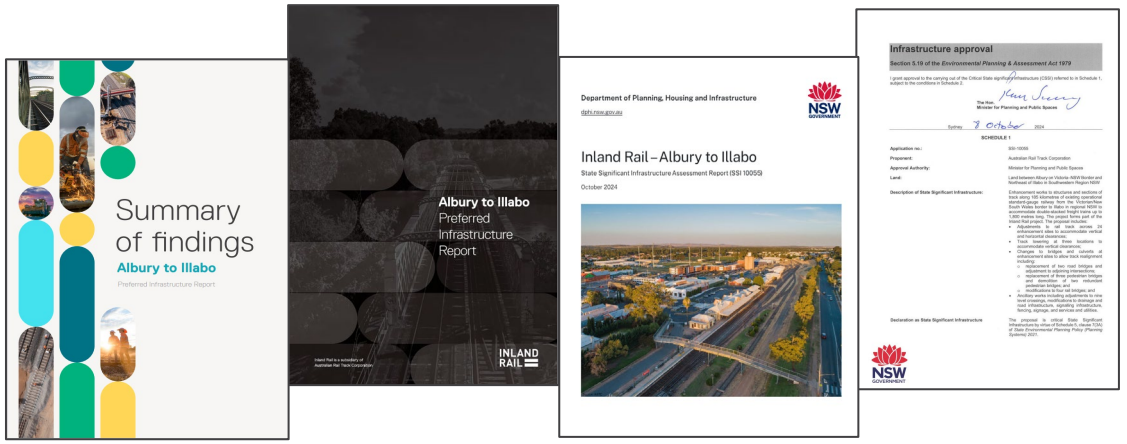
Approvals and Construction



DPHI's Assessment

Ministerial Decision

Conditions of Approval

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Low Impact Works

Design interface

Stage A Environmental Management Plans

Mitigation Measures

Offsetting of Biodiversity

→

Commencement of Stage A Construction

Monitoring & Reporting

Stage B Environmental Management Plans

→

Commencement of Stage B Construction

Monitoring & Reporting

→

Operation by ARTC

OEMP/OEMS & Monitoring

October 2024

January 2025

We are here!!

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Operational Air Quality Monitoring

Why are we monitoring?

- Provide data to better understand local air quality during existing train operations.
- Required by the project conditions of approval.
- The information will help us plan and ensure we meet environmental standards.

What will it involve?

- Temporary air quality monitors adjacent to idling locations.
- Monitoring will run for ~12 months to gather a comprehensive background data set.
- Currently developing the background air quality monitoring plan to ID monitoring locations. Monitoring will likely commence in 2026.

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Climate Change Risk Assessment

- Two climate models were used to inform the assessment (*NSW and ACT Regional Climate Modelling* and CSIRO *Climate Change in Australia projections cluster report – Murray Basin)*
- 24 risks identified across two time horizons: near term 2030 (2020-2040) and long term 2090 (2080 – 2100)
- Of the 24 risks, 19 are categorised as direct risks, three as indirect risks and two as both indirect and direct
    - A direct risk has an impact on an infrastructure system or organisation, causing damage/ accelerated deterioration, extra costs or disruption of services.
    - An indirect risk has a chance of impacting another system or organisation

Risk rating	2030		2090	
	Initial	Reassessed	Initial	Reassessed
Low	12	17	5	10
Medium	12	7	18	14
High	-	-	1	-
Extreme	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	24		24	

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2090 High and Medium risk rating shift

Climate impact	Risk	Initial rating	Key adaptations	Residual rating
Flooding/ rain	Embankment failures and washouts	High	• Use of high-erosion resistant material (i.e., geofabric) • Focus on embankment design	Medium
	Flood impact to adjacent properties	Medium	• Following flood modelling assessment, provide additional drainage to divert or discharge excess water	Low
Heat/ sun	Heat stress of staff working along corridor	Medium	• Use learnings through time and relevant procedures at the time (i.e., night work)	Low
	Bridge deck expansion	Medium	• When design life of expansion joints occurs, review climate predictions and alter size of expansion joints	Low
Bushfire	Bushfire damage to asset infrastructure	Medium	• Consider fire effects on specific material elements (i.e., pavements) and landscape fire resistant vegetation where practicable	Low
General	Changing climate leads to spread of weeds and pathogens around the ARTC corridor	Medium	• Increased monitoring of biosecurity issues in the region • Review and update inspection procedures in the future	Low

Note: the table above only shows risks which were completely lowered. Four other medium 2090 risks reduced in either likelihood or consequence, but maintained the same risk rating.

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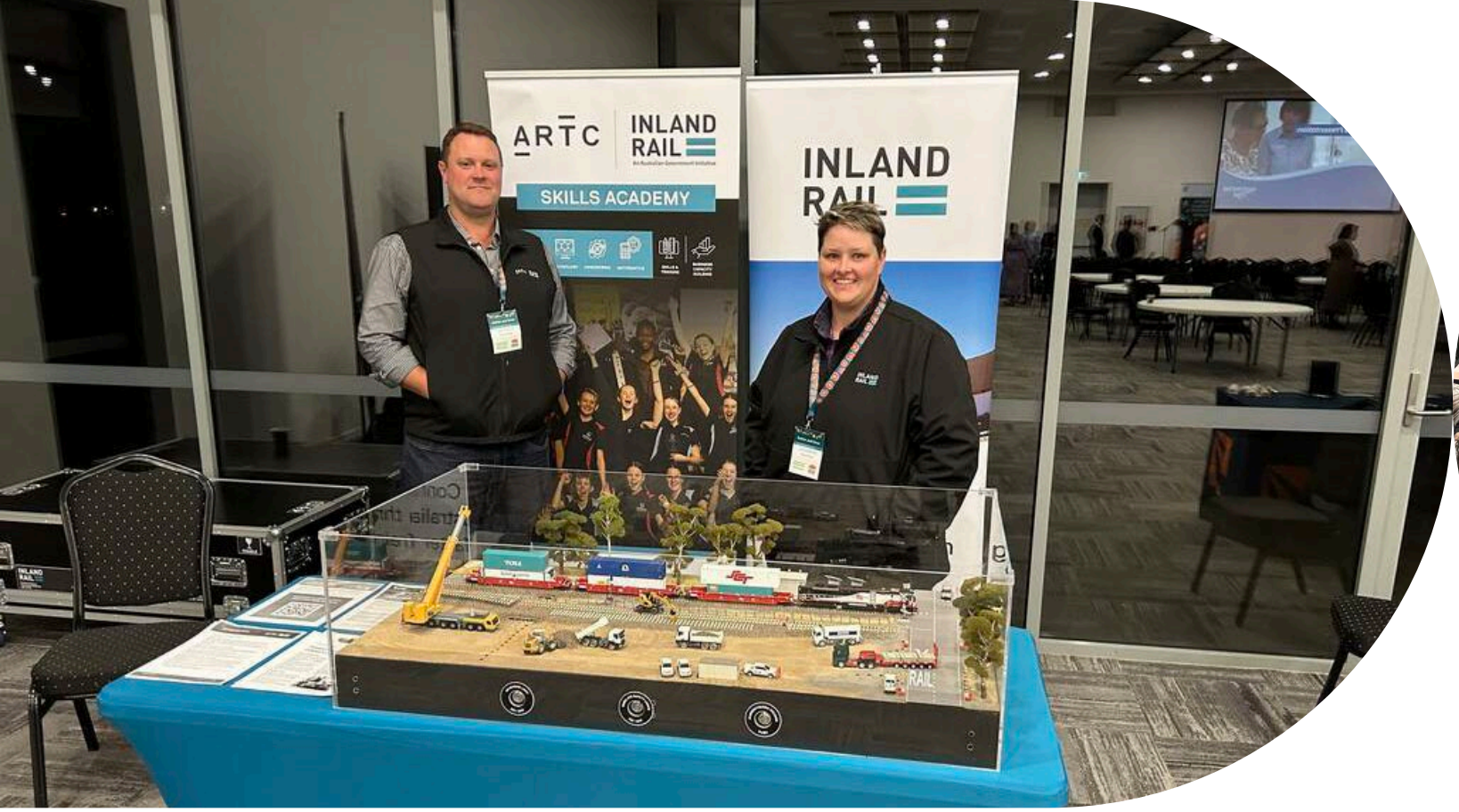

Community Update

Kate Hardy – Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2I

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Engagement Update

- Monthly monitoring meetings with Councils and our delivery partner, Martinus
- Monthly meetings with key stakeholders, Multicultural Council, Wagga Catholic Diocese, Kildare Catholic College, Erin Earth, South Wagga Public School
- **SMART Workshops** – Yerong Creek Public School, Holy Trinity Primary School, The Bidgee School, The Rock Central School, Uranquinty Public School, Henschke Catholic Primary School, Ashmont Public School, South Wagga Public School, Red Hill Public School
- **Community Grants** – Albury Preschool Kindergarten, Henty Community Club, Mawang Gaway Elders Group Wagga NAIDOC Ball, NSW Basketball NAIDOC Gala Day, Wagga Waga Rail Heritage Association, Cycling Without Age Wagga Chapter, Eastern Riverina Landcare, St Joseph's Primary Junee

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Engagement Update

Wagga visualisations

- Engagement undertaken May 12-14
- 220 residents
- 10 stakeholder meetings
- 2 community information sessions, approximately 180 interactions

Community Information Sessions

- Wagga Sturt Mall, May 16
- South Wagga Public School, May 22
- The Rock, May 23
- Uranquinty, May 23
- Culcairn, May 27
- Yerong Creek, May 28
- Henty, May 29
- Albury, May 29
- Wagga Marketplace, June 4

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Upcoming Community Engagement Activities

- Quarter 3 - Councillor briefings occurring throughout August 2025
- Planning for Henty Field Days and regional shows (Junee, Illabo, Wagga Wagga, The Rock, Lockhart Spirit of the Land Festival, Culcairn)
- Sponsorship of Junee Show and Wagga Show
- Wagga Try a Trade Day – August 21
- Junee visualisations engagement – mid August

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First Nations Partnerships

- NAIDOC week Mawang Gaway Ball 11July
- Clontarf Employment Forum- Inland Rail opportunities 28 July
- Ross Kelly Cup Dinner-Clontarf Awards for Year 9-10 students 5 August

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Community Benefits

A2I – S2P

July 2023
to April 2025

697 people have worked on the Inland Rail project

78 of whom are First Nations People

202 local residents have worked on this project

35 of whom are local and First Nations People

66 women employed

40 tradespeople employed

67 people employed for 26 weeks or over for a minimum of 15 hours a week

134 local businesses have supplied to the project

7 First Nations businesses Australia-wide

$16.3M total spend with local businesses

$471K total spend with First Nations businesses Australia-wide

Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – June 2025 Wagga Wagga City LGA

BUSINESS FOR SOCIETAL IMPACT CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP VERIFIED 2023

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We invest in Inland Rail alignment communities by partnering with experts to grow a local supply of businesses and future workers equipped for the 21st century.

STEM PARTNERSHIPS

- 25 Events held
- 17 Schools involved
- 3,463 Students engaged in STEM activities
  - 14% of whom are First Nations People
  - 50% of whom are Female
- 134 Teachers attended

UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

- 6 Supplier Capability Workshops held
- 2 Mentoring sessions held
- 149 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project
  - 6% First Nations businesses
- 2 "Meet the Contractor" events held
- 154 Businesses attending

SKILLS TRAINING

- 132 Work ready individuals
- 6 Completed Training Competencies
- 119 of whom are First Nations People
- of whom are Female 6
- 0 Workers received training on project
- 0 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged

COMMUNITY GRANTS

- 41 Local community grants approved
- $151 K Cash contributions

PROJECT WORKFORCE

- 39 Total workforce from LGA
- 3 Sustainable Jobs
- 0 Workers in trades
- 5 First Nations workers
- 7 Female workers
- 3 Young Workers (Under 25)

PROJECT PROCUREMENT

- 41 Businesses who have worked on the project
- 1 First Nations Businesses
- $2.1 m Total spend on local businesses

General Business

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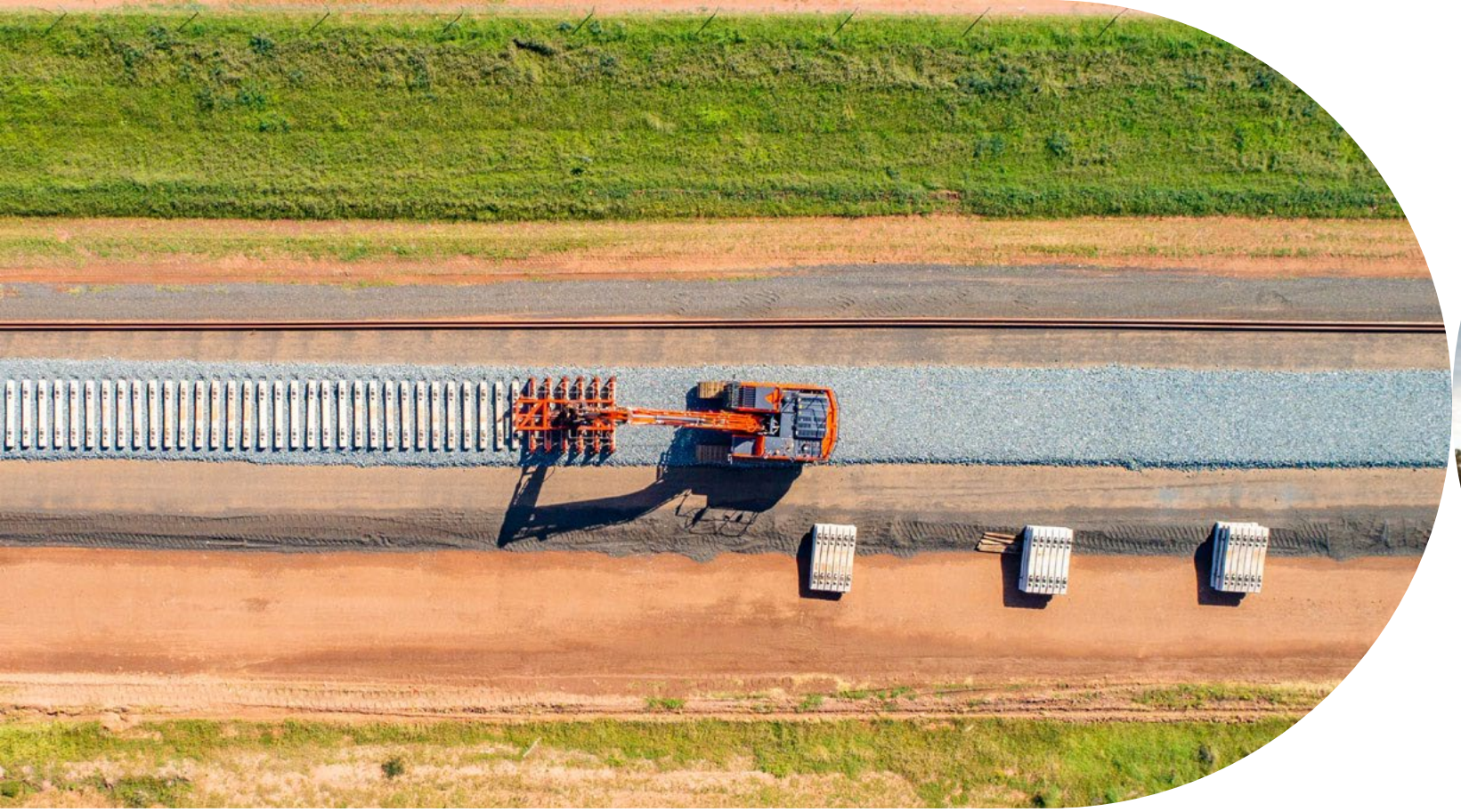

Conclusion and confirmation of actions

Garry West – Chair CCC

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Thank you

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