



# Albury to Illabo Community Consultative Committee

Albury sub-committee

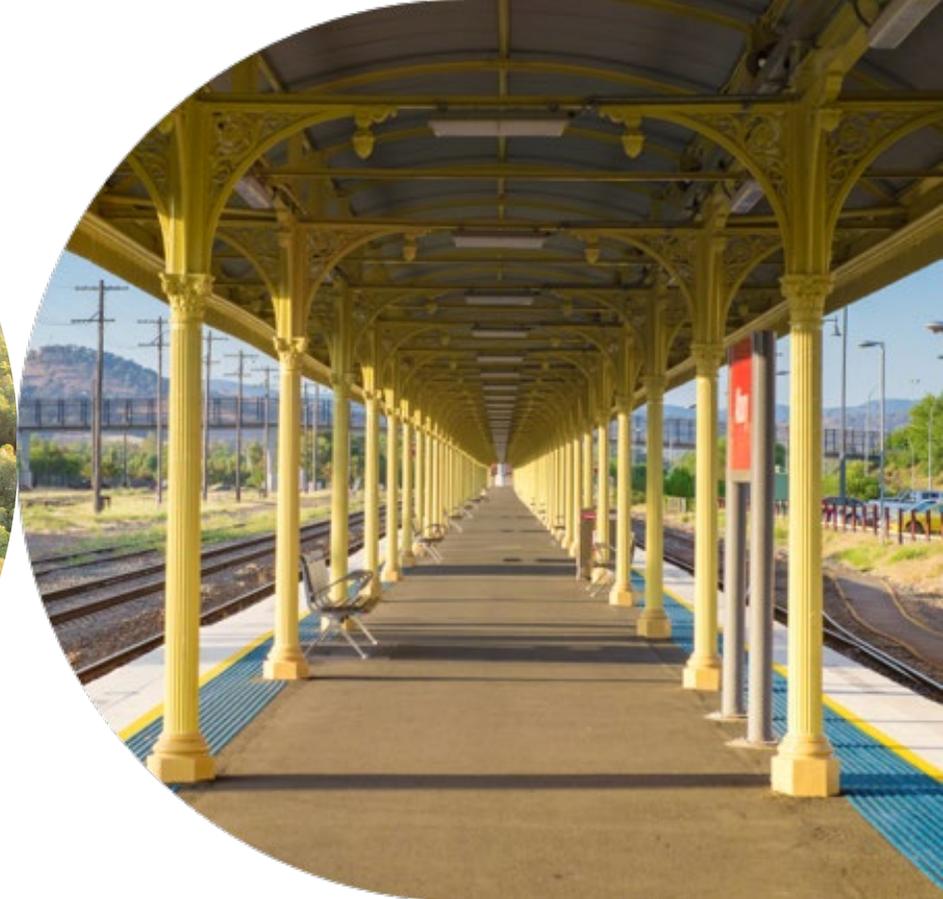
Wednesday 4 February 2026

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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
- ▶ Community update
- ▶ General Business

# Actions from Previous Meetings

Action	
Circulate locations and times for community information sessions on the noise & vibration review	Complete
Provide updated final design, parking and ramp details to Albury City Council	Complete

# Introduction/Presenters

## **Daniel Johnston**

Senior Project Manager – A2I

## **Rachael Labruyere**

Environmental Manager – A2P

## **Kate Hardy**

Stakeholder Engagement Lead - A2I





# Program and Project Update

Daniel Johnston – Senior Project Manager A2I

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# Adjacent Projects Update

## Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)

- ▶ Clearing and grubbing of alignment continuing
- ▶ Utilities adjustment in progress
- ▶ Major construction is due to commence in March 2026
- ▶ CSR is also in progress
- ▶ Pipework for a water line commencing

## Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)

The Stockinbingal to Parkes project has completed all works including track lowering under Wyndham Avenue bridge, crossing loop at Daroobalgie, track slew works at various locations and modification of Lachlan River bridge.



Lachlan River bridge

# A2I Program



# What's on the horizon for southern NSW in 2026

A look at the year ahead - January 2026





# A2I Project Update

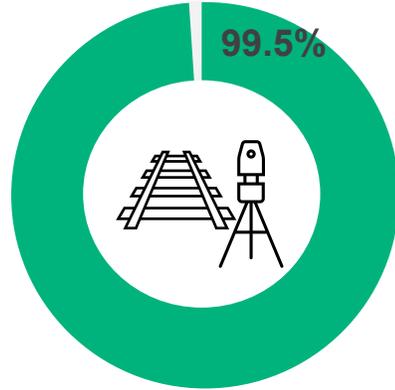
- ▶ Major works completed in Albury and Greater Hume LGAs during the December 2025 possession:
  - Albury Station pedestrian footbridge removed
  - Balfour St, Culcairn footbridge removed
  - Works at Table Top completed
  - Works at The Rock completed (Lockhart LGA)
- ▶ Upcoming possession scheduled for 28 Feb - 1 March 2026. Current works to be undertaken includes:
  - Murray River bridge, Albury
  - Albury Yard works
  - Billy Hughes bridge works, Albury
  - Culcairn track works
  - Uranquinty level crossing signalling works
  - Pearson Street (signalling), Wagga Wagga
  - Edmondson Street bridge demolition, Wagga Wagga
  - Wagga Yard works
  - Mothers footbridge, Wagga Wagga
  - Kemp Street bridge, Junee
  - Junee Yard works
  - Olympic Hwy underbridge, Junee
  - Continuing works Junee to Illabo

# A2I Design Progress

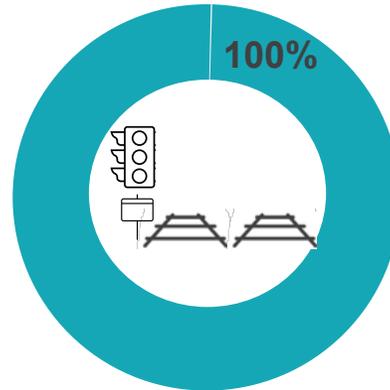
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## Clearance Sites

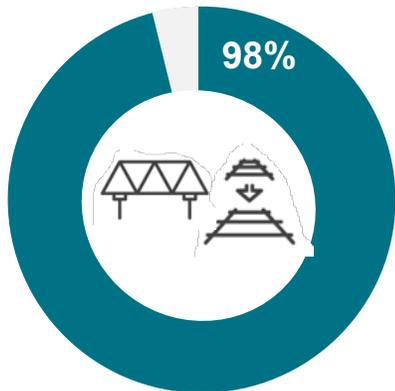


## Junee to Illabo

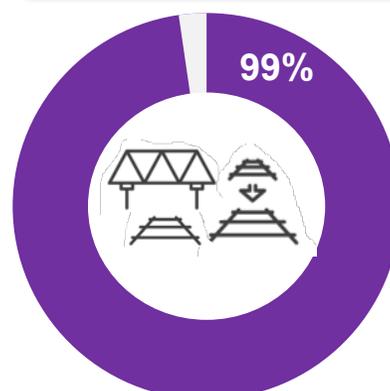


Overall Design Progress:  
98.3% Complete

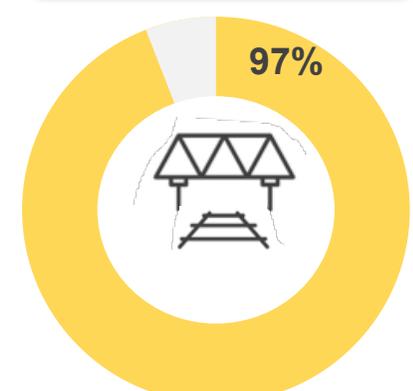
## Albury Sites



## Wagga Sites



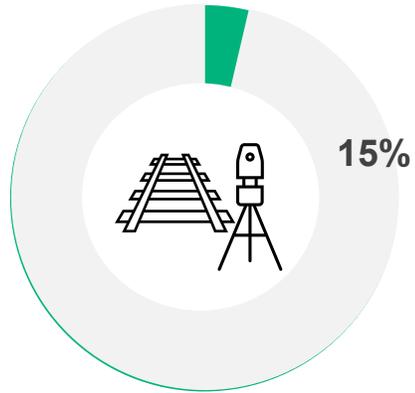
## Junee Sites



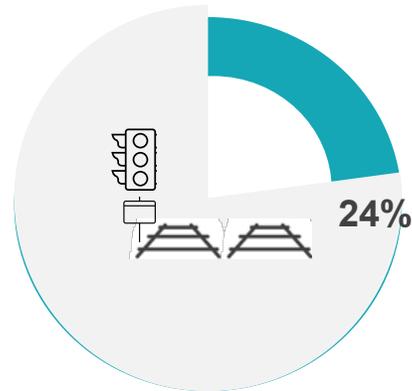
# A2I Construction Progress

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Construction  
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## Clearance Sites

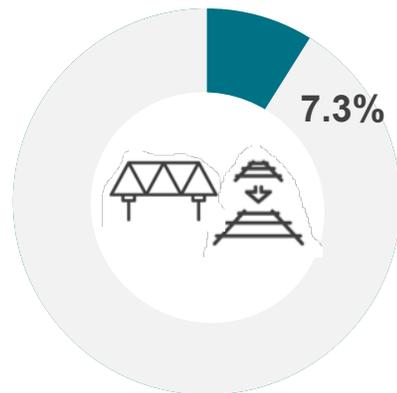


## Junee to Illabo

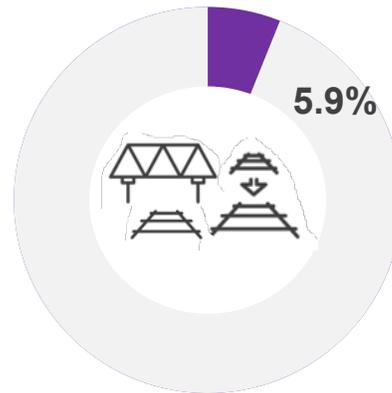


Overall Construction Progress:  
30% Complete

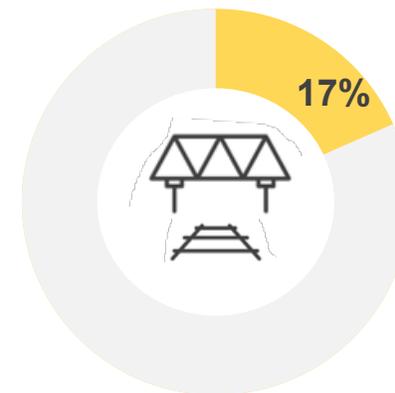
## Albury Sites



## Wagga Sites

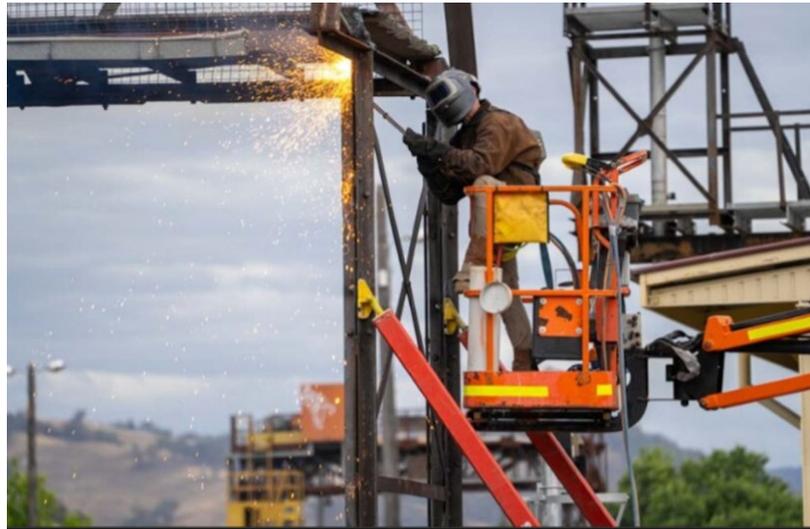


## Junee Sites



# Albury Railway Station

Pedestrian footbridge successfully removed in the December possession



# Table Top works completed

- ▶ December possession:
  - Redundant gantry removed
  - Demolition of footing
  - Work at site complete

## Billy Hughes Bridge

- ▶ January 2026:
  - Commencement of piling work
  - Excavation of batter
- ▶ Community agreement in place for works to take place 7am-6pm Monday to Sunday



# Culcairn Footbridge

- ▶ December possession:
  - Removal of deck span (placed in corridor)
  - Demolition of stairs
- ▶ Inland Rail working with Greater Hume Council towards outcome



# Lookahead

Timing	Activity
February/March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 28 Feb – 1 March Possession</li><li>• Murray River Bridge; Billy Hughes Bridge; Albury Station and Riverina Highway<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Piling</li><li>➤ Drainage installation</li><li>➤ Signalling</li><li>➤ Earthworks and excavations</li><li>➤ Vegetation clearing and removal</li><li>➤ Track work (Culcairn)</li></ul></li></ul>
April/May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May possession, May 2-5</li></ul>



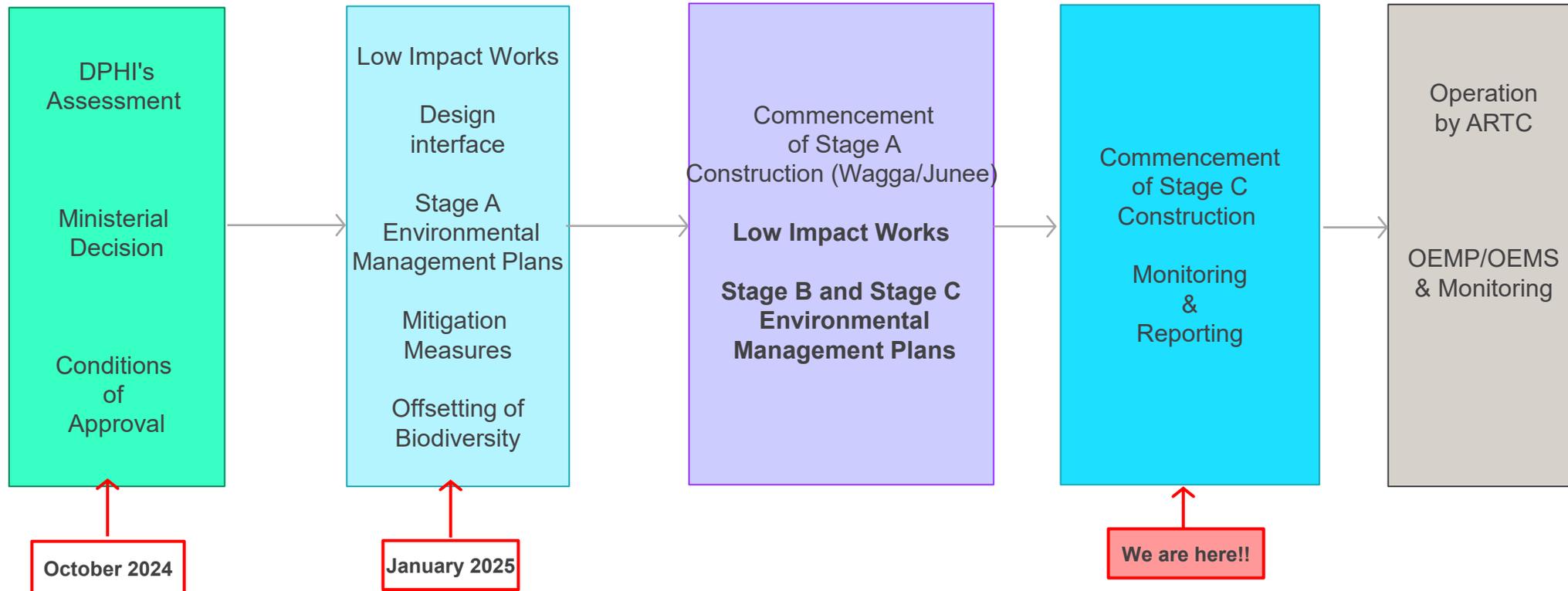
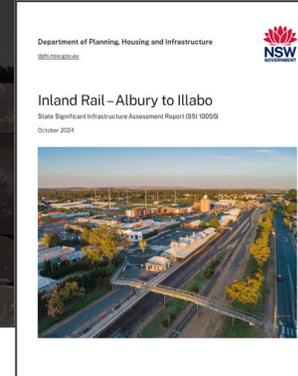
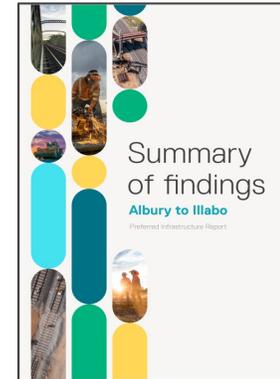
# Planning and Environment

Rachael Labruyere - Environment Manager A2P

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# Approvals and Construction



# Detailed Site Investigations

- ▶ Detailed site investigations have been completed at all sites
- ▶ Site Investigations include test pits and bore holes and are carried out prior to commencement of Construction
- ▶ Asbestos investigations
- ▶ Prior to works in areas where asbestos has been located a surface Emu Pick is carried out
- ▶ Works in known asbestos areas are carried out under the Project Asbestos Management Plan with a hygienist on-site.
- ▶ Following any asbestos removal an asbestos clearance inspection is carried out by the Contamination Consultant.

# Sloane's Froglet – Billy Hughes Bridge

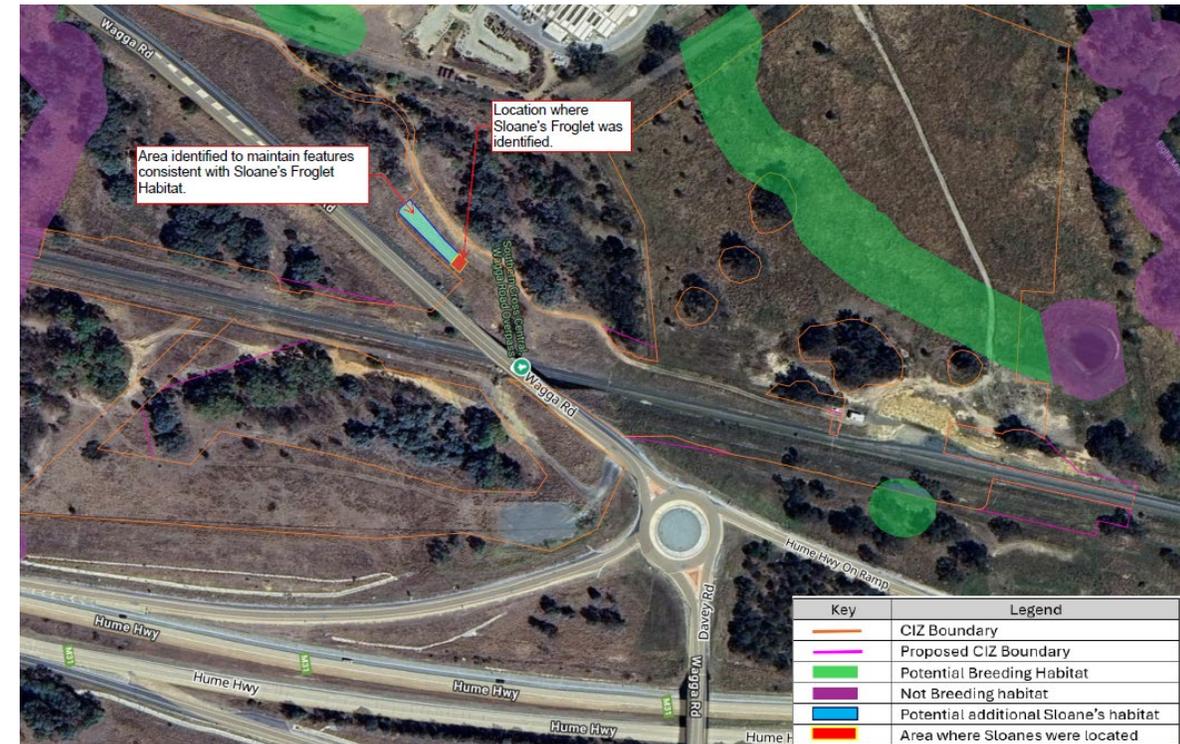
During vegetation clearance 3 individuals were recovered that appeared to be Sloane's Froglet.

Works were ceased following the find and a 1m exclusion zone established around the area.

The Sloane's Froglets have been released into surrounding areas.

The Sloane's Froglet Management Plan has been updated following the event.

The team is working with the relevant agencies and Albury Frog Expert regarding future works





# Community Update

Kate Hardy – Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2I

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# Engagement Update

Date	Activity
November 6	LEMC Meeting
November 12 and 13	ONVR Community Information Sessions – Gerogery, Henty and Culcairn
November 13	Meeting with Culcairn Development Committee re ONVR
November 15	Waluwin Festival
November 26	Community information sessions re closure of Albury Station footbridge - Albury Station and West End Plaza
November 27	Doorknocking East Albury: Kenilworth St, Hanel St, Schubach St
December 3	Doorknocking Culcairn



# Upcoming Community Engagement Activities

- ▶ Councillor briefings
- ▶ Monthly monitoring meetings
- ▶ School communications – reminder of pedestrian detours
- ▶ STEM Challenges
- ▶ Door knocking and notifications for February/March possession
- ▶ Culcairn community newsletter

## Successful Grants

**Woomera Aboriginal Corporation**  
The Koori Services and Careers Expo



# First Nations Partnerships

- ▶ First Nation Artist Luke Penrith finished the A2I corridor wide Artwork
- ▶ The Clontarf Partnership will take us to Sydney supporting our academies in the Riverina catchment at the Year 12 Leadership Camp- With a focus on Resilience
- ▶ 2026 brings more opportunities for First Nation people with more design EOI's to be released.



# Community Benefits

Inland Rail is a national project with local benefits, generating jobs and economic opportunities for our regions and communities right across Australia.



**1044**

People have worked on this section



**106**

Of whom are First Nations People



**297**

Local residents have worked on this section



**43**

Of whom are local First Nations People

## Albury to Illabo/ Stockinbingal to Parkes

July 2023 to November 2025



**89**

Women employed



**61**

Trades people employed



**66**

Employed for 26 weeks or over for a minimum of 15 hours a week



**187**

Local business have supplied to this section



**10**

First Nations businesses Australia-wide

**\$23.6M**

Total spend with local businesses

**\$801K**

Total spend with First Nations businesses Australia-wide

# Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – December 2025 Albury LGA



# INLAND RAIL

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



## STEM PARTNERSHIPS

**15** Events held

**7** Schools involved

**2687**

Students engaged in STEM activities

**5%** of whom are First Nations People

**49%** of whom are Female

**139** Teachers attended



## UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

**6** Supplier Capability Workshops held

**0** Mentoring sessions held

**108** Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

**2%** First Nations businesses

**1** "Meet the Contractor" events held

**77** Businesses attending



## SKILLS TRAINING

**83** Work ready individuals

**5** Completed Training Competencies

**63** of whom are First Nations People

**21** of whom are Female

**16** Workers received training on project

**8** Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



## COMMUNITY GRANTS

**19** Local community grants approved

**\$68K**

Cash contributions



## PROJECT WORKFORCE

**79** Total workforce from LGA

**1** Sustainable Jobs

**33** Workers in trades

**1** First Nations workers

**7** Female workers

**12** Young Workers (Under 25)



## PROJECT PROCUREMENT

**33**

Businesses who have worked on the project

**1** First Nations Businesses

**\$10.0m**

Total spend on local businesses

# Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – December 2025 Greater Hume Shire LGA



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## STEM PARTNERSHIPS

1 Events held

1 Schools involved

79

Students engaged in STEM activities

11% of whom are First Nations People

47% of whom are Female

12 Teachers attended



## UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

0 Supplier Capability Workshops held

0 Mentoring sessions held

0 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

0% First Nations businesses

0 "Meet the Contractor" events held

0 Businesses attending



## SKILLS TRAINING

0 Work ready individuals

0 Completed Training Competencies

0 of whom are First Nations People

0 of whom are Female

3 Workers received training on project

1 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



## COMMUNITY GRANTS

8 Local community grants approved

\$23 K

Cash contributions



## PROJECT WORKFORCE

15 Total workforce from LGA

5 Sustainable Jobs

3 Workers in trades

1 First Nations workers

2 Female workers

1 Young Workers (Under 25)



## PROJECT PROCUREMENT

3

Businesses who have worked on the project

0 First Nations Businesses

\$ 2K

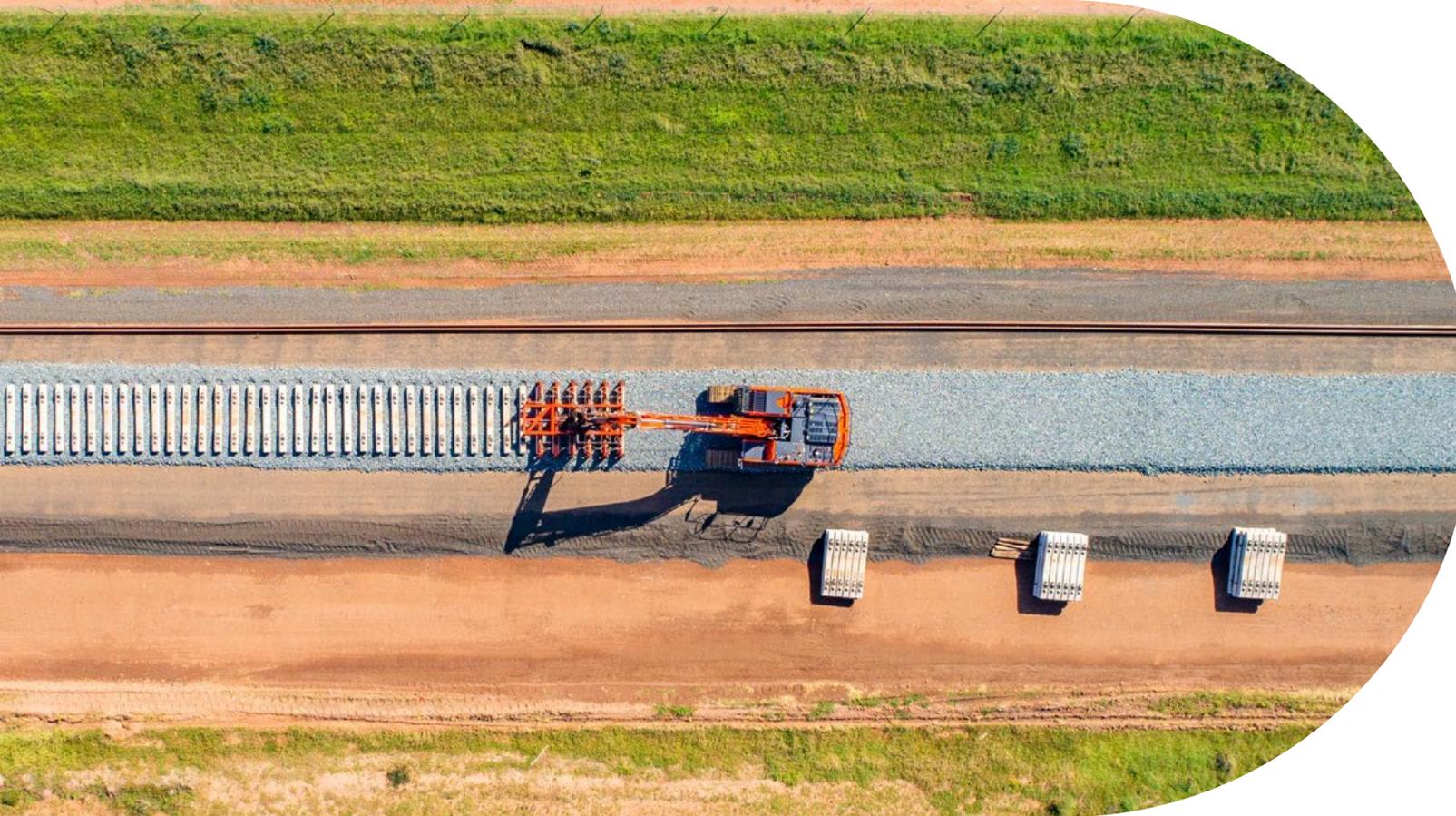
Total spend on local businesses



# General Business

Garry West – Chair CCC





# Conclusion and confirmation of actions

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**Thank you**

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