

Narromine to Narrabri section

Geotechnical investigations

April to June 2026

From **Monday 7 April 2026**, we will undertake geotechnical investigations (GI) at locations in the rail corridor and at potential borrow pit sites to help us understand ground conditions and assist in refining the project design.

Upcoming site investigations

Inland Rail engineers and ecologists will accompany crews from our GI contractor Macquarie Geotech to locations along the Inland Rail project alignment, between Narromine and Narrabri.

Work will include:

- Clearing of isolated areas to access geotechnical investigation locations.
- Geotechnical investigations to determine the ground conditions in the project area.
- Seismic surveys (to produce images of the rock layers underground) at borrow pit sites.

Investigation locations may change, but will be undertaken within the approved project boundary of the Narromine to Narrabri project and within private property and road corridors.

When are investigations occurring?

Investigations will start on **Monday 7 April 2026** and are scheduled to finish on **Sunday 21 June 2026**. All work is weather-dependent, and dates are subject to change.

Our work hours are 7am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday and every second Sunday. Work will happen every day for 10 days followed by a four-day break.

What if work is postponed?

Work can sometimes be postponed at short notice due to weather, mechanical breakdowns, and other factors. Should this occur, we will inform the wider community in advance of when work will recommence. Notification will only happen if the postponement is longer than 2 weeks.

How we're managing impacts

- Traffic management will be in place to ensure safe access for all road users.
- Reduced road speeds in the vicinity of work areas.
- Regular contact with impacted landowners to discuss site activity and any land access requirements.
- Use of mobile drilling and investigation equipment to ensure minimal disruption to farming operations, road and property access.

What can I expect?

- Changed traffic conditions and reduced speed limits where work is near public roads.
- Site supervision vehicles, mobile machinery, drill rigs and equipment operating onsite or accessing work sites.
- Nearby residents may experience some daytime noise.
- Increased vehicle movements with site vehicles and support vehicles accessing work sites.
- At locations where activities such as drilling and test excavations will disturb the ground surface, bore holes and test pits will be backfilled at the completion of work or securely fenced at the end of each shift.

Machinery used

Small drill rigs, non-destructive digging machinery, small digging equipment, support vehicles, traffic management equipment and signage.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while these works are carried out.



Image: Example of a drill rig that will be used for some of this work.

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