



Illabo to Stockinbingal Community Consultative Committee

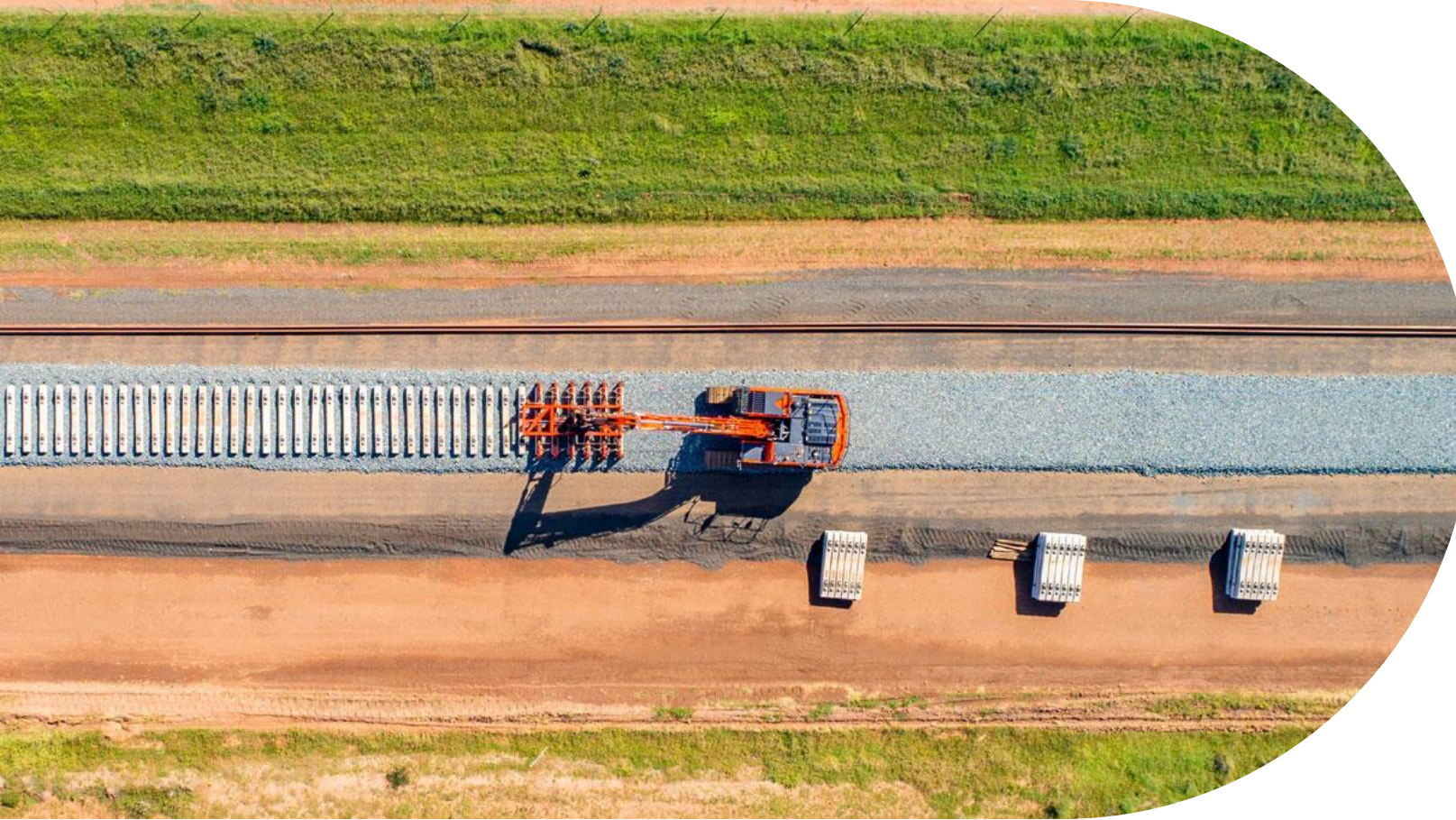
Cootamundra

21 May 2026

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

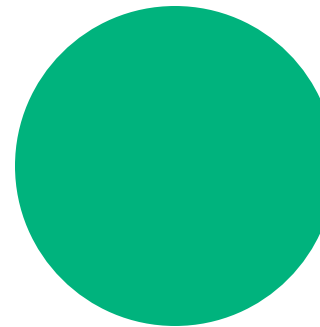
Garry West – Chair CCC

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Agenda

1. Actions from Previous Meeting
2. Program Overview
3. Adjacent Projects Update
4. Project Update
5. Planning and Environmental Update
6. Community Update
7. Community Feedback Discussion
8. General Business



Introduction/Presenters

Casey Wallace

Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Manager - A2P

Gordana Karachony

Senior Project Manager – I2S

Susan Kay

Principal Environmental Advisor – A2P

Grant Johnson

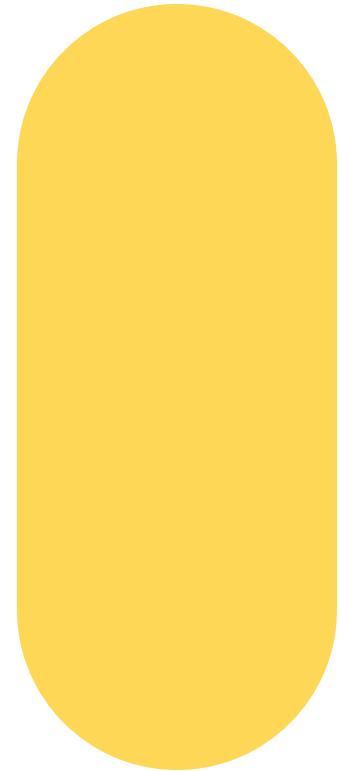
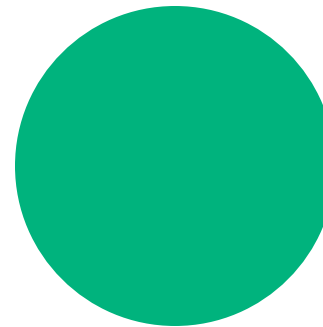
Stakeholder Engagement Lead – I2S

Brent Fewkes

Social Performance Principal – A2P

Trumaine Warcon

Senior First Nations Engagement Adviser- I2S



Actions from previous meeting (5 Feb 2026)

Item	Action/response
How are sleepers to be delivered to the I2S project?	The sleepers being delivered to site are predominantly coming from Austrak's yard in Bomen. Bomen yard can facilitate road or rail deliveries to site. Our principal contractor, John Holland, has determined to have sleepers delivered to site via road deliveries.
Where is the wood chip to be stored from the felled trees?	To be addressed during the presentation
Rail speed of trains through realigned track west of Stockinbingal	See slide following
Confirm road speed approaching the bridge west of Stockinbingal	See slide following
Arrange meeting with RFS and ARTC to facilitate firefighting access to Bethungra Ranges and rail corridors generally	Meeting held 9 April with stakeholder Confirmed CoA E122 has been met
Future signalling program & use of copper (in reference to a Federal Government Program)	Response to be provided during the meeting

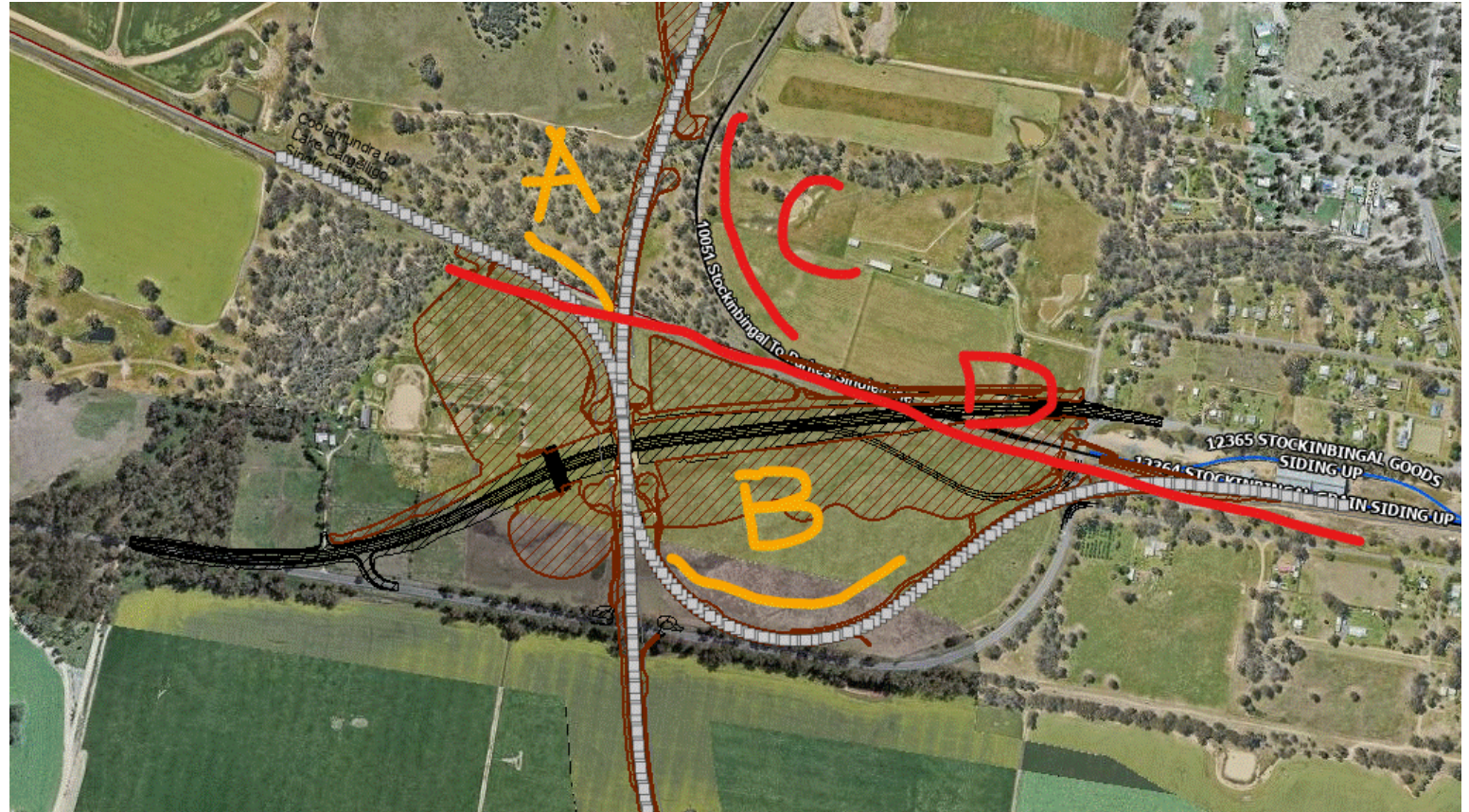
Actions from previous meeting (cont.) – Rail Speed

Question:

Rail speed of trains through realigned track west of Stockinbingal

Answer:

- Curve C and section D are existing track with line speed of 40 km/h
- Curves A and B are new track replacing Curve C and section D
- Curves A and B have a radius of 235 metres with design line speed of 40 km/h through the curves



Actions from previous meeting (Cont.) - Road Speed

Question:

Confirm road speed approaching the bridge west of Stockinbingal.

Answer:

The posted speed limit over the road bridge of BGW alignment is 100km/hr which then reduces to 60km/hr coming into the Stockinbingal town.

Specifically, over the bridge it is 100km/hr.





Program Update

Casey Wallace – Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Manager

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Inland Rail Program Update

- ▶ Inland Rail will deliver Beveridge (VIC) to Parkes (NSW) ready for double-stacked operations by the end of 2027
- ▶ All approved project works will continue as planned
- ▶ The Government has confirmed that it is focused on working with the Queensland and New South Wales Governments to preserve the rail corridor north of Parkes.
- ▶ Dr Collette Burke has been announced as the Chair of the Inland Rail Board
- ▶ The appointment of Inland Rail's new CEO, Dr Sean Sweeney, has been confirmed, with planned start date in July 2026.



Adjacent Projects Update

Albury to Illabo (A2I)

- A successful 96-hour possession was completed with works undertaken across Albury, Wagga Wagga and Junee
- The next major possession is scheduled for September 2026
- Project works scheduled for completion in late 2027

Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)

- All major works are now completed





Project Update

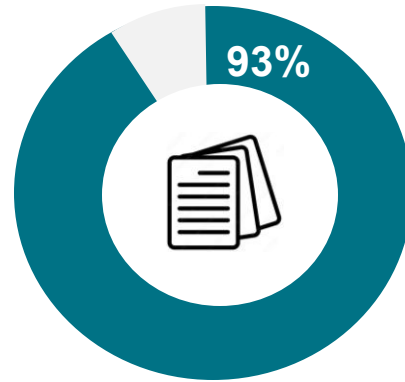
Gordana Karachony - Senior Project Manager – I2S

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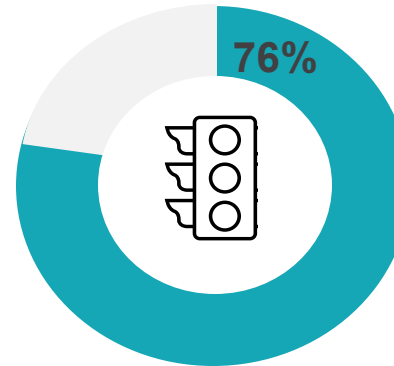


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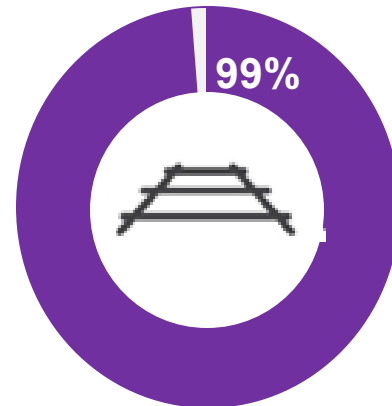
All Design



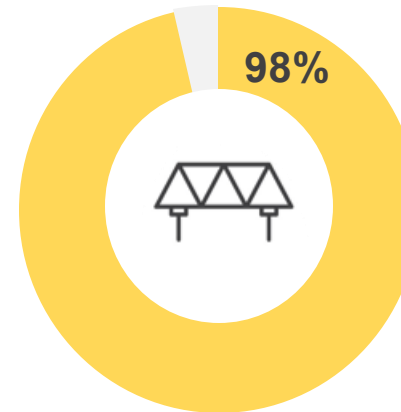
Signalling



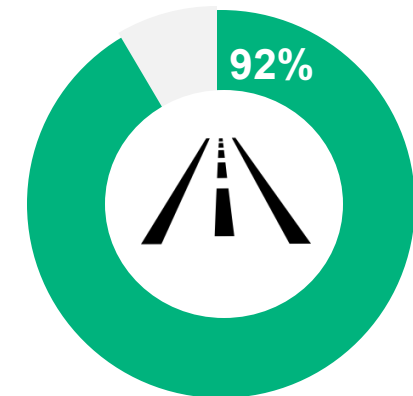
Track & Formation



Bridges



Roadworks

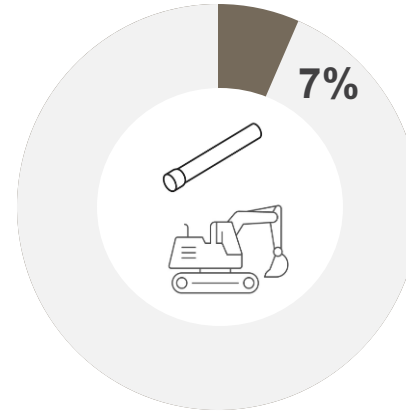


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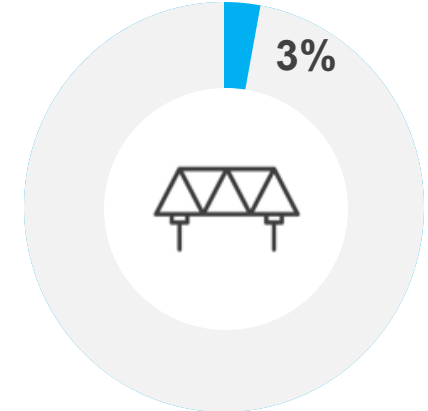
Site Establishment



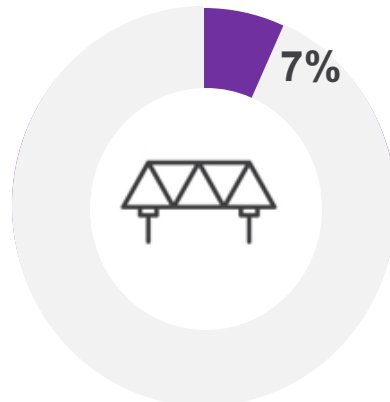
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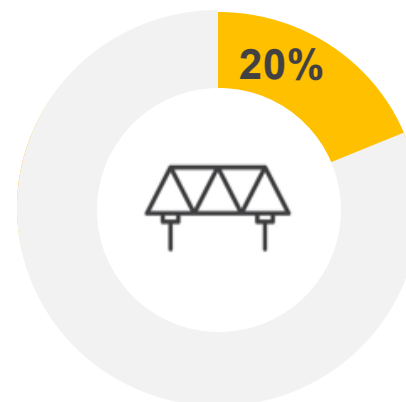
Waterway Bridges



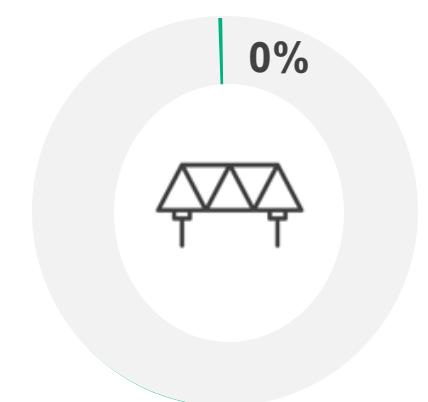
Old Cootamundra Bridge



Dirnaseer Bridge



Burley Griffin Way Bridge





I2S Construction Update

- ▶ Site clearing & bridge preparation works continue
- ▶ General earthworks continuing along alignment
- ▶ Rail delivery at Illabo during May 26 possession

I2S – Project Activities

Boundary Creek - Piling works



Section 3 - Soil ripping works



Billabong Creek - Bulk Earthworks



Section 2 - Earthworks Plant



Section 3 - Bulk Earthworks



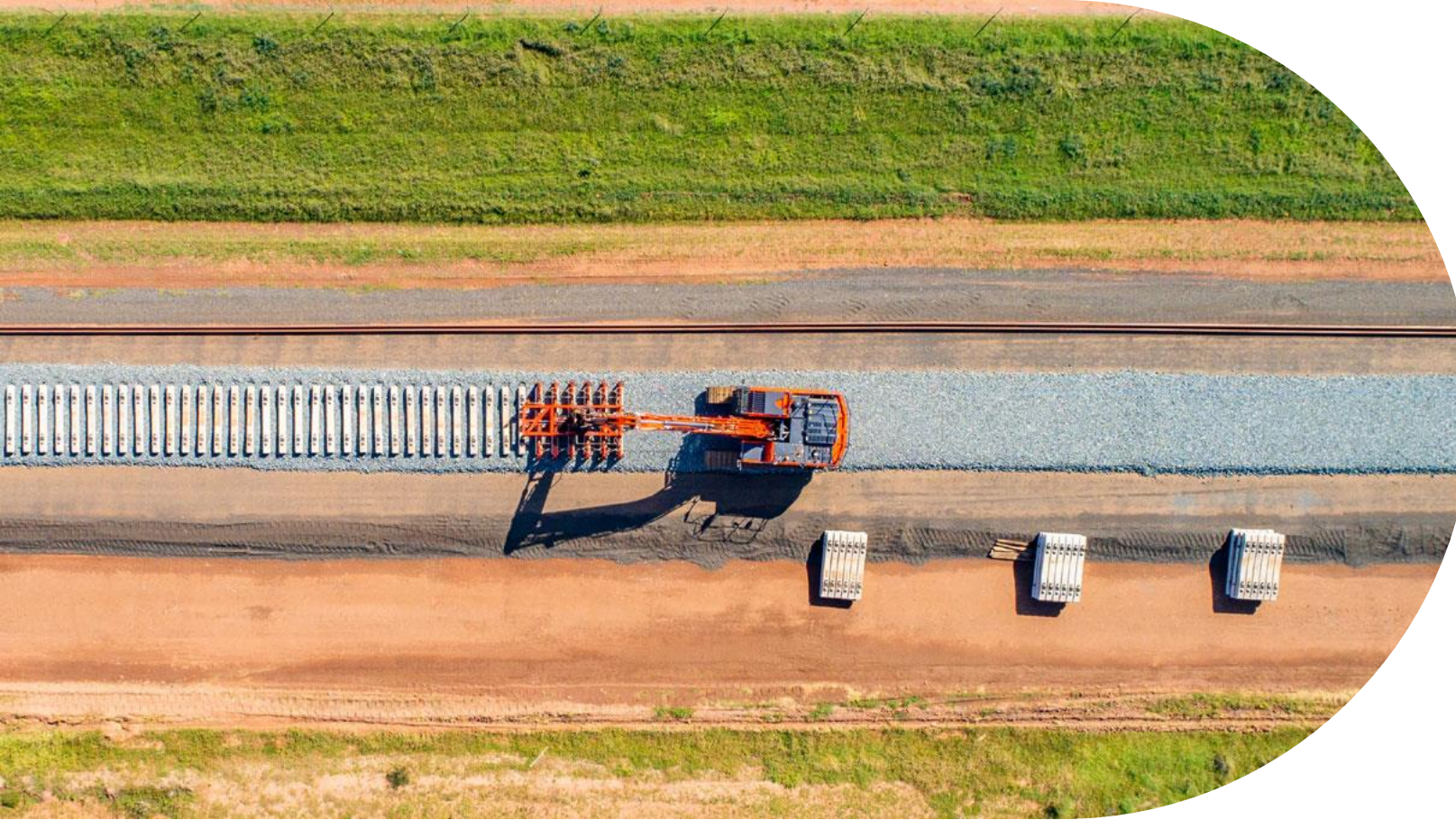
Section 4 - Stock Underpass Slab



Three Month Lookahead

- ▶ Continuation of construction works
- ▶ Traffic management and detours planned during Q2
- ▶ Low level earthworks blasting planned for Q2
- ▶ Next Planned Possession – Sept 2026





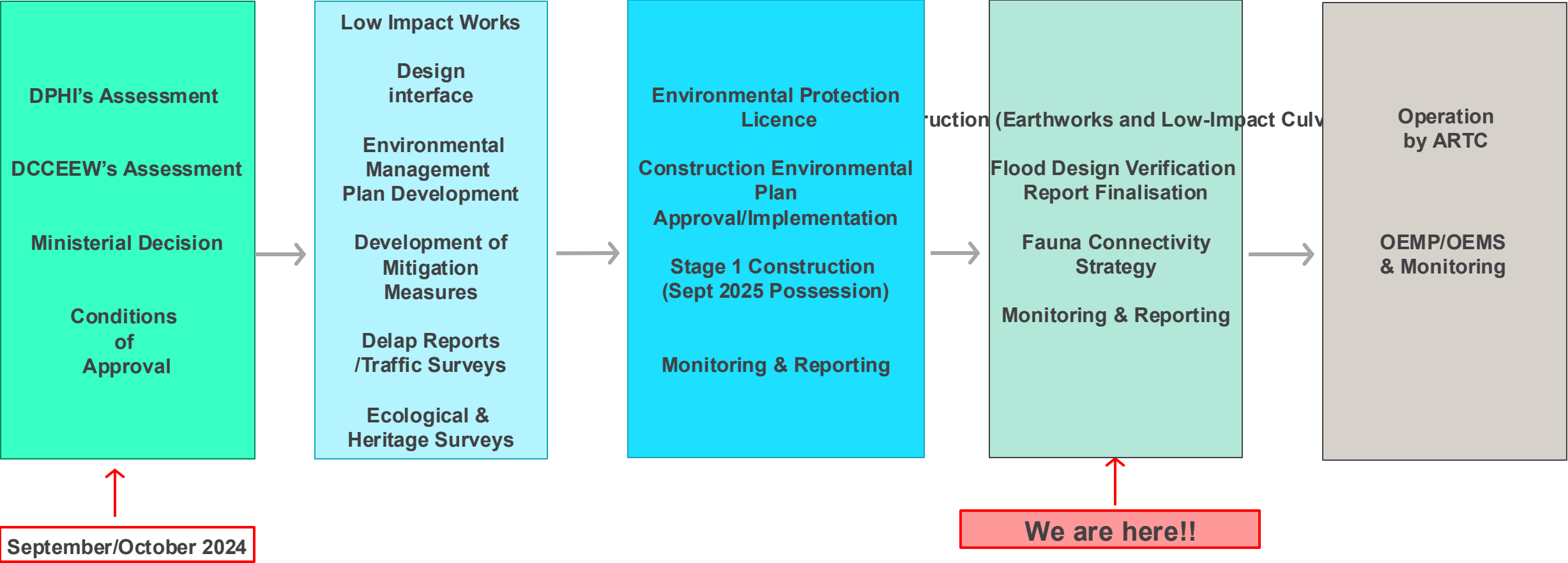
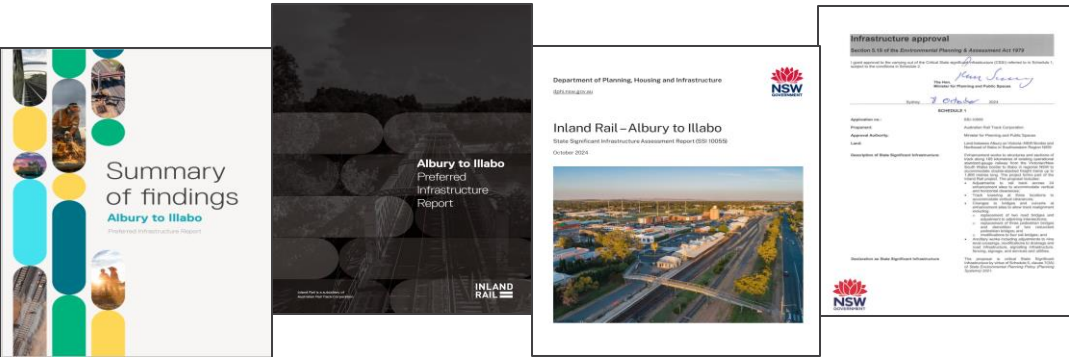
Planning and Environment

Susan Kay - Principal Environmental Advisor – A2P

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Approvals and Construction



Box Gum Woodland

- Hollow sections of felled trees have been stockpiled across the alignment awaiting relocation to appropriate areas for use.
- IRPL arranged access into the proposed Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) area in April to enable placement of felled habitat trees.
- The eastern BSA area was completed in April with the western area trees scheduled to be placed in June.
- Prior to placement, felled hollows were cleared by the Project Ecologist



Flood Design Verification Report

- In March 2026, permission was granted by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to enable limited construction (including earthworks, cut and fill excavation and low risk culverts) to commence whilst the Flood Design Verification Report was finalised.
- Activities which were identified as higher risk due to impacts on flooding, will commence once further approval is received from DPHI.



Blast Management Strategy

- The Blast Management Strategy has been submitted to DPHI for approval prior to commencement of blasting.
- The first blast of the blasting program will be treated as the trial blast which will occur at Cut 19 where the closest receiver is located 1.67km from the alignment .
- The geometry and rock type at this location will provide an appropriate baseline to inform the remaining blast locations.
- The Blasting Contractor will monitor the blast at 3 locations (200m, 300m and closest sensitive receiver).
- Where applicable, any localised surrounding public roads will be placed under a hold/release type traffic control arrangements and VMS boards will be installed to inform road users of the blasting. Any reduced speed arrangements will be sign posted.





Community Update

Grant Johnson – Stakeholder Engagement Lead - I2S

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Stakeholder Engagement

- VLIMP consultation complete (CoA E126) (Visual and Landscape Impact Mitigation Plan)
- Design engagement completed with landowners
- Safe movement of livestock and agricultural machinery across the corridor (CoA E99)
 - Draft procedures developed by ARTC
 - Consultation soon to commence



Community Events

Muttama 140-year Celebration of Rail
Event attended by IRPL & JHG

Images: John Holland and IRPL at Muttama Rail Event



Social Performance & First Nations Update

Brent Fewkes - Social Performance Principal – A2P

Trumaine Warcon - Senior First Nations Engagement Adviser- I2S

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Social Performance

What's been happening?

- Held a Rail Readiness training course in late January 2026 to assist one of the John Holland fencing contractors.
 - 8 participants, with 4 interviewed. 2 permanent jobs with casual jobs available
 - Fencing contractor has been supported through “Meet the Contractor” events, along with participating in the Business Capability workshops.
- University of Newcastle – Science and Engineering Challenge events held in March 2026.
 - High and primary schools invited to compete with other schools in a number of STEM related challenges/activities.
- SMART Tours – Illabo Primary and Cootamundra Primary participated in STEM science shows
- Community Grants – Round 29 closed, with Round 30 closing on 31 July 2026

Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – March 2026 Junee LGA



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STEM PARTNERSHIPS

5 Events held

7 Schools involved

306 Students engaged in STEM activities

13% of whom are First Nations People

53% of whom are Female

42 Teachers attended



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

2 Supplier Capability Workshops held

0 Mentoring sessions held

16 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

2% First Nations businesses

1 "Meet the Contractor" events held

44 Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING

0 Work ready individuals

0 Completed Training Competencies

0 of whom are First Nations People

0 of whom are Female

4 Workers received training on project

0 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

19 Local community grants approved

\$66K Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

21 Total workforce from LGA

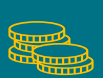
0 Sustainable Jobs

1 Workers in trades

0 First Nations workers

2 Female workers

1 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

6 Businesses who have worked on the project

0 First Nations Businesses

\$ 491K Total spend on local businesses

Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – March 2026 Cootamundra – Gundagai Shire LGA



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STEM PARTNERSHIPS

 **3** Events held

 **3** Schools involved

⇓

274

Students engaged in STEM activities

↳ **15%** of whom are First Nations People

↳ **47%** of whom are Female

 **23** Teachers attended



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

2 Supplier Capability Workshops held

0 Mentoring sessions held

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118

Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

↳ **7%** First Nations businesses

3 “Meet the Contractor” events held

140 Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING

41 Work ready individuals

⇓

3 Completed Training Competencies

12 of whom are First Nations People

of whom are Female **8**

4 Workers received training on project

1 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

15 Local community grants approved

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\$43K

Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

41 Total workforce from LGA

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4 Sustainable Jobs

0 Workers in trades

3 First Nations workers

8 Female workers

5 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

17

Businesses who have worked on the project

0 First Nations Businesses

\$ 5.5m

Total spend on local businesses

First Nations Update

- Smoking Ceremony took place to launch the start of construction
- Wiradjuri Naming on camp building and Cootamundra office has been implemented
- JHG and Inland Rail will participate in a Cultural Immersion Tour out of Cootamundra coming up on 27/05/2026
- IR Reconciliation Week events coming up from 27/05/2026 - 03/06/2026





I2S Community Feedback

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Community Insights

- Community feedback / sentiment?
- Any gaps in information provided or project knowledge?
- Any major community events or local agricultural activities that could impact project consultation or works?



Above: John Holland Cootamundra Community Information Centre



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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