



Albury to Illabo Community Consultative Committee

Wagga Wagga sub-committee

Wednesday 5 August 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 Environment Update
- Community and stakeholder engagement update
- General Business and Community Feedback

Introduction/Presenters

Malcolm Clark

Project Director A2I/S2P

Susan Kay

Principal Environment Advisor

Kate Hardy

Community Engagement Lead



Actions from Previous Meetings

Action	Status
Clarify rectification of road pavement damage on George Street at the Ducker and Edgar Street intersection, Junee	Addressed in regular meetings with Council
Clarify if Bethungra level crossing will conflict with the works proposed in the September possession.	Update in this meeting



Program and Project Update

Malcolm Clark – Project Director A2I/S2P

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Program and Project Update



- ▶ New CEO, Dr Sean Sweeney commenced at Inland Rail on July 1
- ▶ Dr Sweeney completed an alignment tour from Beveridge to Parkes in mid-July
- ▶ Wagga construction works completed a major milestone with the installation of the main span at Mothers bridge
- ▶ Major 96-hour possession to occur 12-15 September with works occurring across multiple sites
- ▶ Ten Victorian precincts have now completed works to allow double-stacked trains to use the alignment

Adjacent Projects Update

Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)

- ▶ Key works progressing:
 - ▶ Ongoing bridge and piling works
 - ▶ Continuing formwork, concreting and precast placement for drainage culverts
 - ▶ Drilling and blasting in select locations
 - ▶ Earthworks throughout alignment
 - ▶ Workers accommodation at Stockinbingal

Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)

- ▶ Works completed at all sites

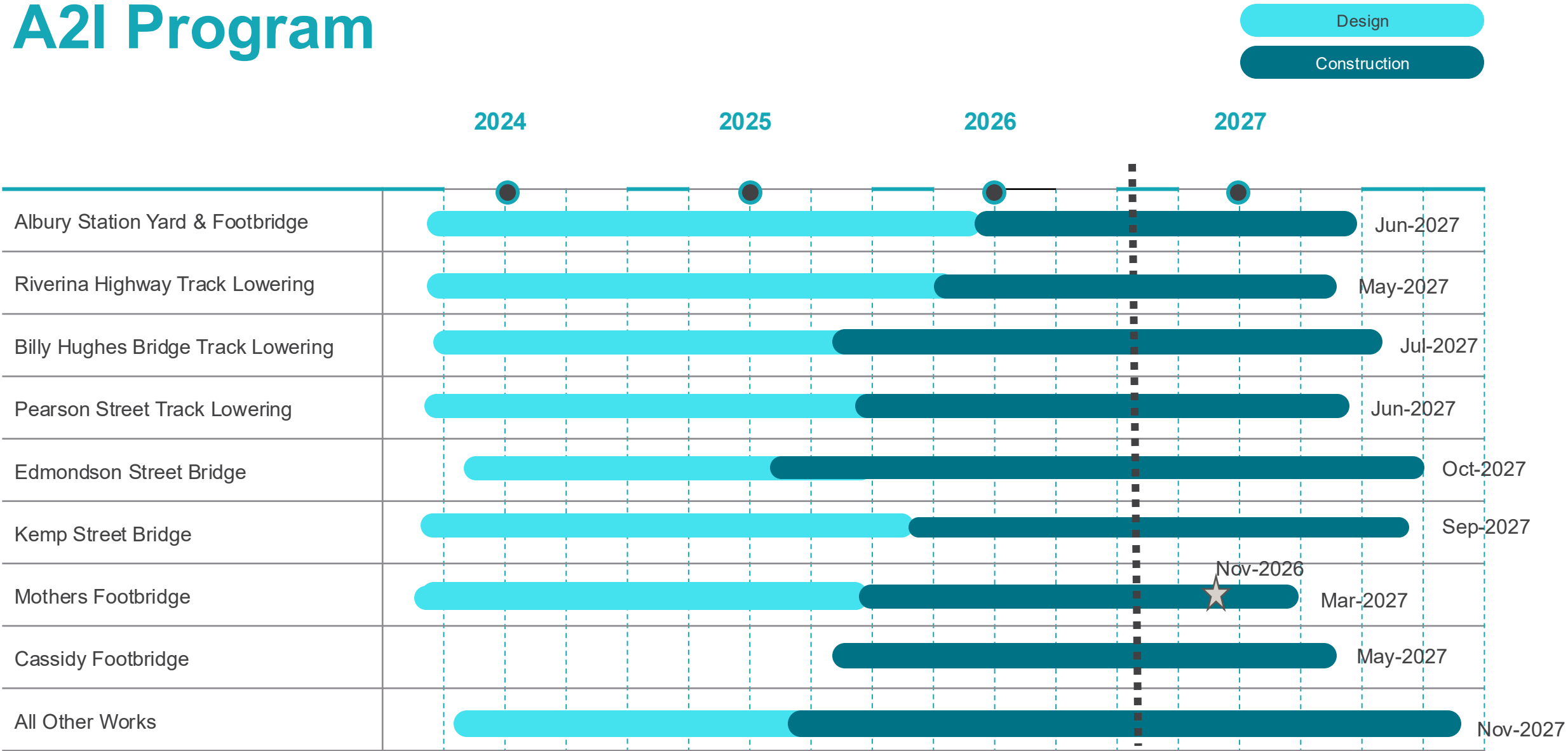




Illabo to Stockinbingal

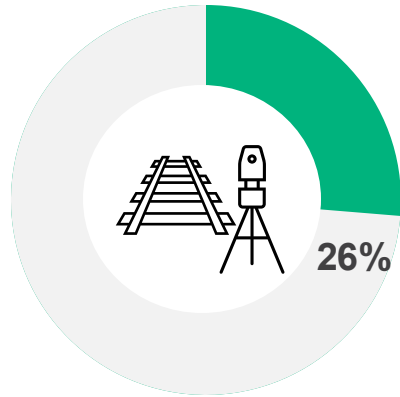
A **new section**
of Inland Rail is
under construction

A2I Program

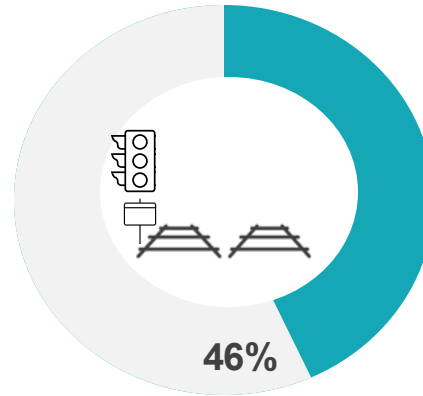


A2I Construction Progress

Clearance Sites

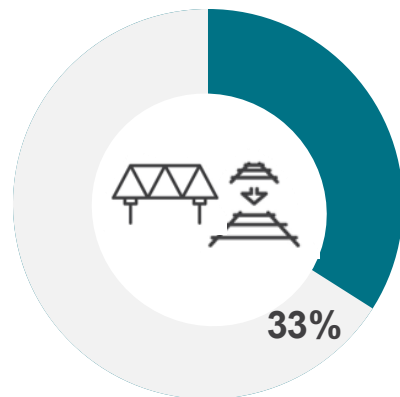


Junee to Illabo



Overall Construction Progress:
34% Complete

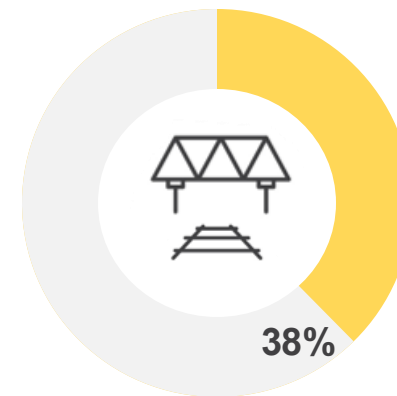
Albury Sites



Wagga Sites



Junee Sites



Mothers Bridge span delivery



Progress update

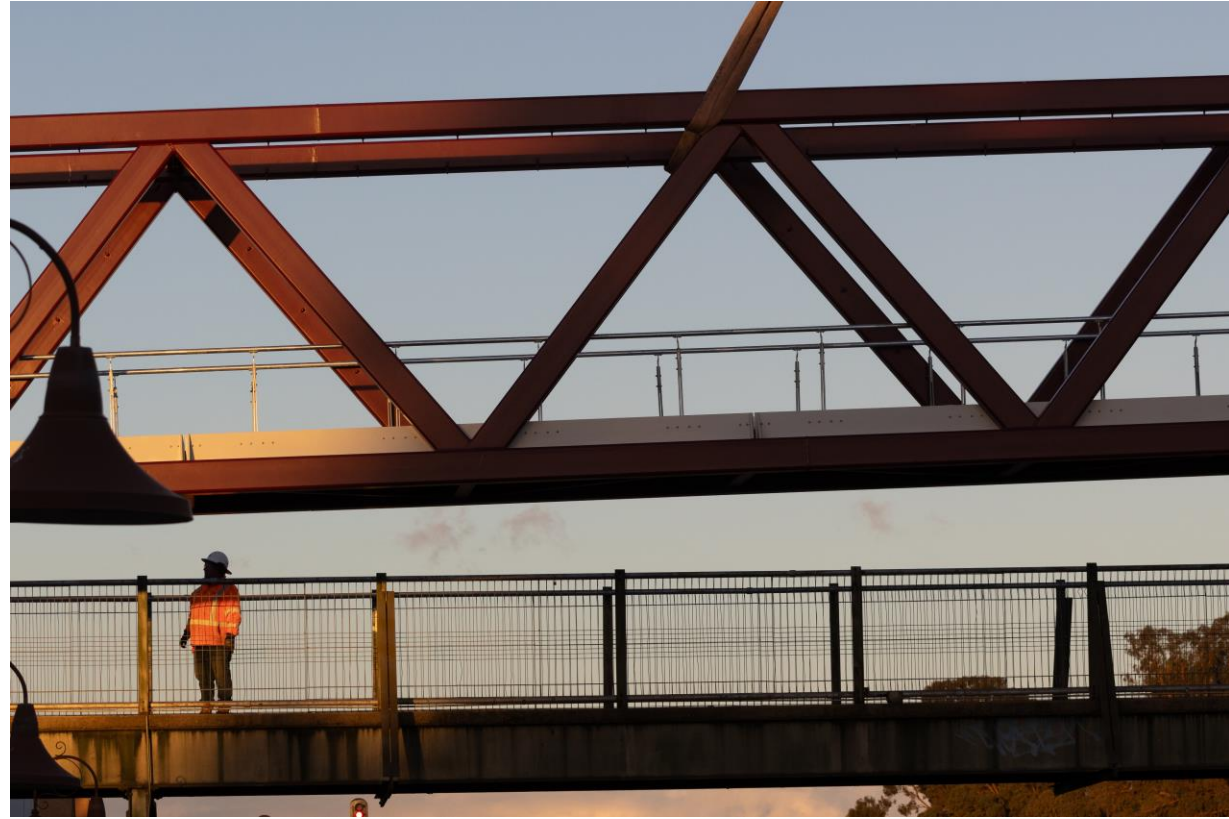
How do you
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bridge through
Wagga Wagga?



Mothers Bridge – span installation



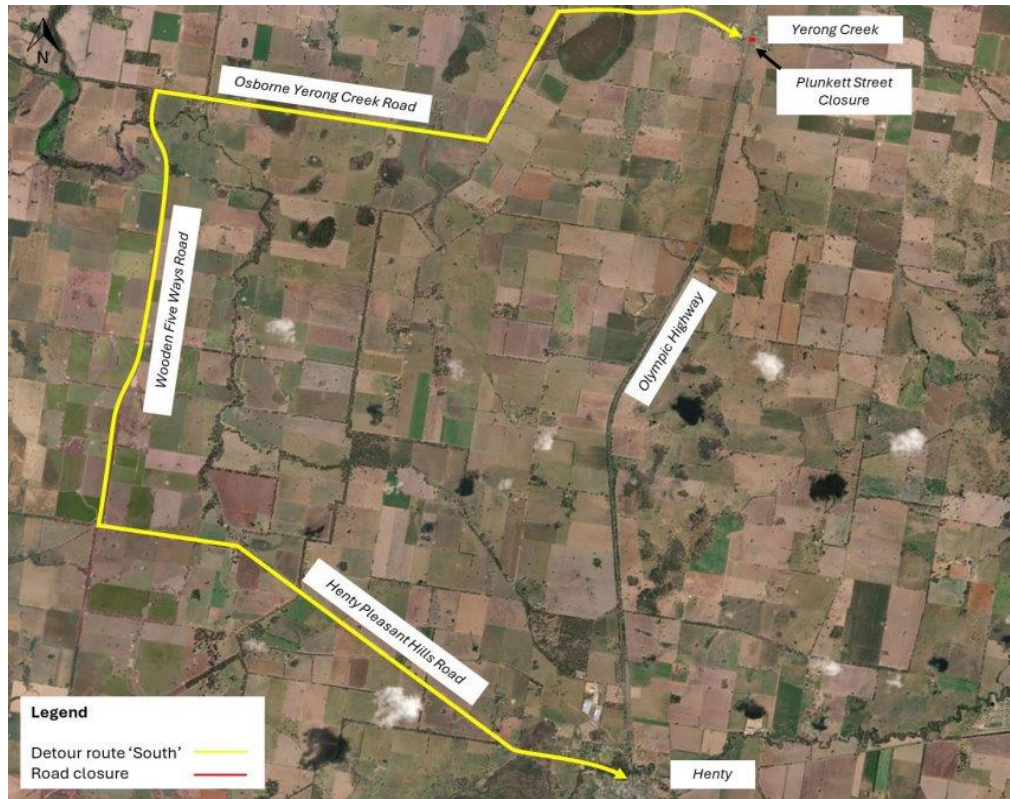
Mothers Bridge – span installation



Cassidy Bridge demolition



Yerong Creek works and detour

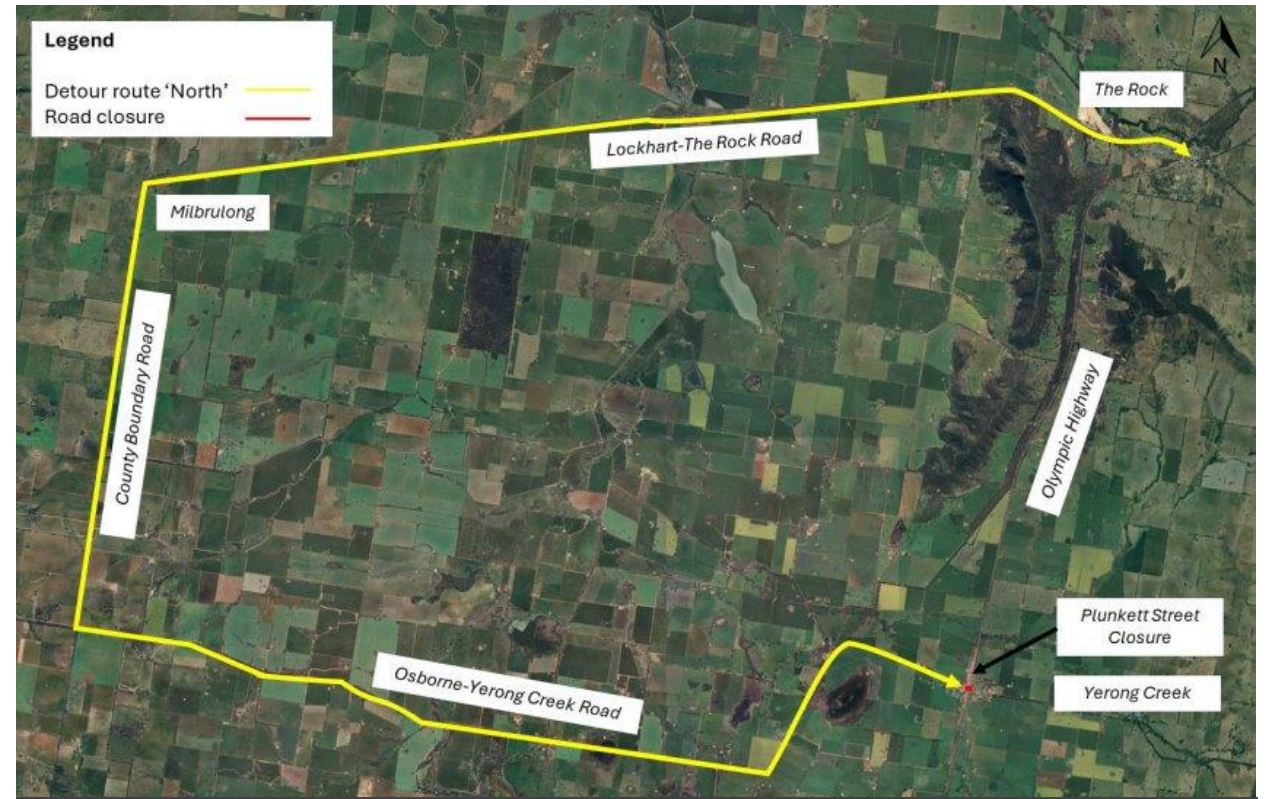


Southern detour –

Plunkett St – Osborne Yerong Creek Rd – Wooden Five Ways Rd – Henty Pleasant Hills Rd

Closed, local access only (signed) –

Finlayson Lane, Noskes Lane, Mittagong Yerong Creek Rd)



Northern detour –

Plunkett St – Osborne Yerong Creek Rd – Country Boundary Rd – Lockhart The Rock Rd – Urana St

Closed, local access only (signed) –

Finlayson Lane, Noskes Lane, Mittagong Yerong Creek Rd

Junee driver change platforms

- Commissioned June 16
- Transferred control to ARTC
- The platforms provide service for both south and north trains, alleviating future congestion and are compatible for double stack trains



Proposed road closures – level crossing 604

- Track works proposed at the Brabins Road level crossing during the September possession
- Detour route will be via Brabins Road, Eurongilly Road, Allawah Road and Bethungra Road.



September possession works

Albury Yard & Riverina Dive - Continuing footbridge works, gantry installation, drainage and signalling

Billy Hughes Dive - Continuing piling, drainage and concrete works

Henty - Signal gantry footing

Yerong Creek - Level crossing, signalling and trackworks

Uranquinty - Track works

Pearson Dive - Continuation of concrete works

Cassidy Footbridge - Removal of existing bridge footings

Edmondson Street bridge - Continuing bridge works

Wagga Yard and Mothers Bridge - Signalling works

Kemp Street bridge - Construction of road bridge and footbridge

Junee Yard – Track slew and crossover replacement. Footbridge (pending)

Olympic Highway bridge – Deck transom replacement and track slew

Junee to Illabo works

- Level crossing works, Brabins Road
- Track resurfacing and distressing
- Culvert works



Lookahead

Timing	Activity
August	• Edmondson Street bridge – concrete pours, bridge foundation work • Cassidy footbridge demolition • Mothers bridge – ongoing deliveries and installation of bridge components and connection works • Kemp Street bridge – delivery and set up of 450-tonne crane; construction of concrete bridge piers; retaining walls and other substructure elements; delivery of bridge components
September	• Possession – Friday, September 11 to Tuesday, September 15 (96 hours)
October - December	• Possession – Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8 (36 hours) • Mothers bridge – demolition of old bridge and interim usage of new bridge • Yerong Creek, Uranquinty & Harefield Yards



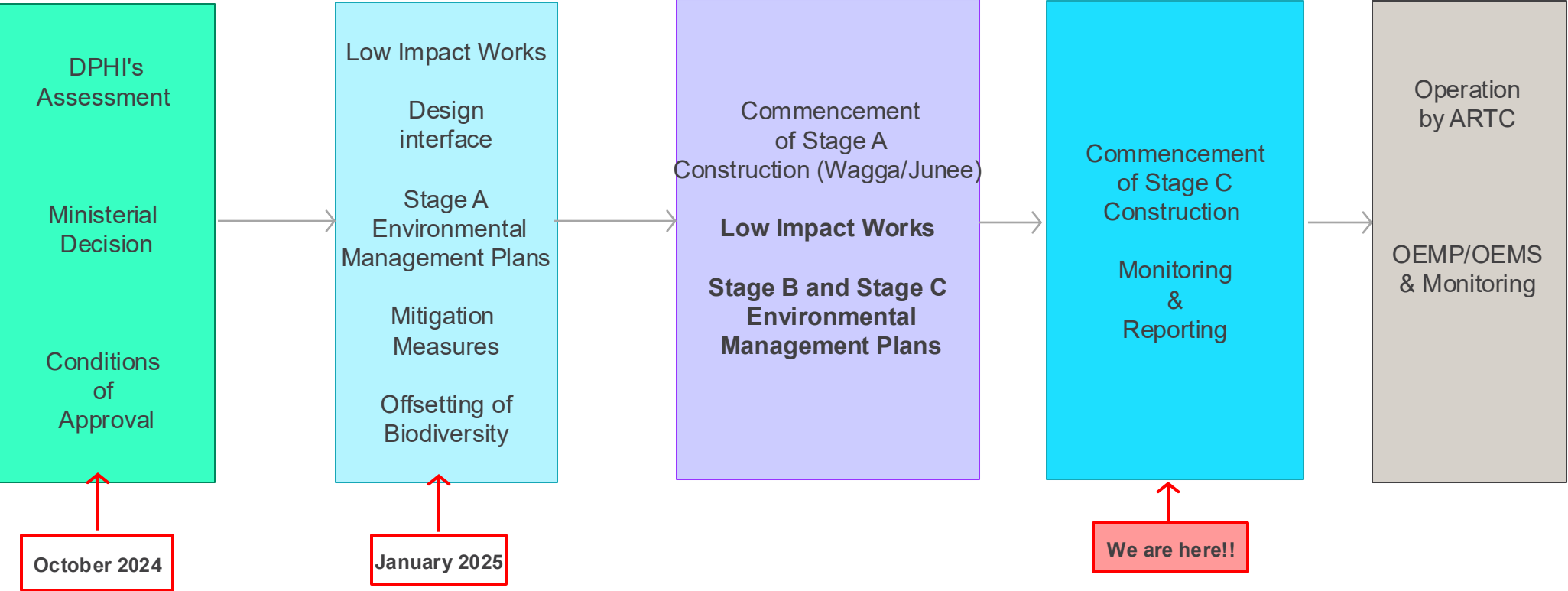
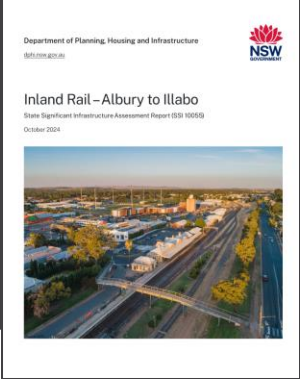
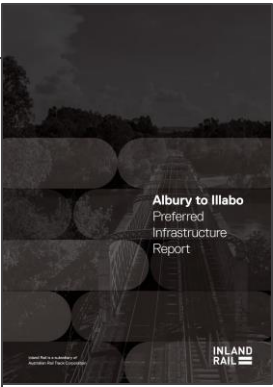
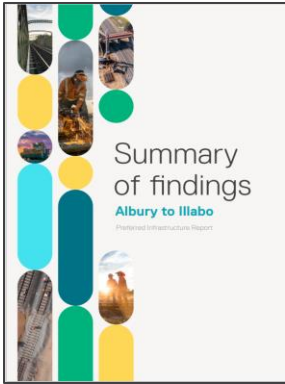
Planning and Environment

Susan Kay - Program Principal Advisor

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Approvals and Construction



Operational Air Quality

- ▶ AQ stations set up at 3 locations – Junee, The Rock and Wagga
- ▶ Monitoring NO_x and PM_{2.5}
- ▶ Aligning monitoring data with train movements
- ▶ The Operational Air Quality Review Report will be prepared in consultation with the EPA following 12 months of data and submitted to DPHI



Heritage – UXF Edmondson Street Bridge



- ▶ 1.4m wide x 1.97m long. Brick and clay structure
- ▶ Believed to be foundation of fireplace/chimney/furnace demolished in 1880s
- ▶ Assessed as 'not significant'
- ▶ To be demolished as part of bridge works

Heritage – UXF Edmondson Street Bridge



Approximate location of UXF - Mt Erin Convent, flour mill and construction of South Wagga Public School (~1880s)

Operational Noise and Vibration Review Update

- Following the Australian Government announcement on 6 May 2026, Inland Rail identified the need to review the ONVR inputs to ensure compliance with the project's conditions of approval (CoA).
- As a result, Inland Rail are currently preparing an updated consultation strategy for approval by the New South Wales Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI).
- Inland Rail is committed to keeping communities updated on the ONVR progress and communication across its platforms as soon as further information becomes available.



Community engagement update

Kate Hardy – Stakeholder Engagement Lead

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Community Engagement

Timing	Activity
August 5	Girls in STEM High Tea
August 27	Try a Trade Day
Early September	Pre-possession engagement: ▶ Door knocks ▶ Respite ▶ Construction information sessions
September 22-24	Henty Field Days
October 10	Illabo Show
October 24	Junee Show
Monthly	Monitoring meetings with Council staff – Wagga Wagga City Council, Lockhart Shire Council and Junee Shire Council
6 weekly	Briefing WWCC General Manager and Mayor



Connecting with schools

- ▶ Martinus are working with Koorringal High school students to develop a targeted rail safety program for primary school students.
- ▶ As part of the program with Martinus, students are contributing to the development of a rail safety initiative targeted at primary-aged children. Key focus of the program for the students is to:
 - building community connections
 - developing teamwork and communication skills
 - increasing understanding of rail safety concepts
 - applying problem-solving and basic project skills
 - supporting confidence and a sense of contribution to the community
- ▶ The class went on a site visit to assess locations where unsafe rail crossings occur, identifying key risk factors, user behaviours, and environmental conditions influencing crossing decisions.



Successful Grants

- ▶ Charles Sturt University – Yazidi wellbeing project
- ▶ Wagga Wagga Base Hospital – Aboriginal Elders visual media project
- ▶ Ashmont Public School – breakfast bar
- ▶ Komi Gen Incorporated – My Riverina youth entrepreneur station
- ▶ Junee Reefs Hall – centenary ball
- ▶ Junee Shire Council – community mental health awareness event, screening 'Just a Farmer'



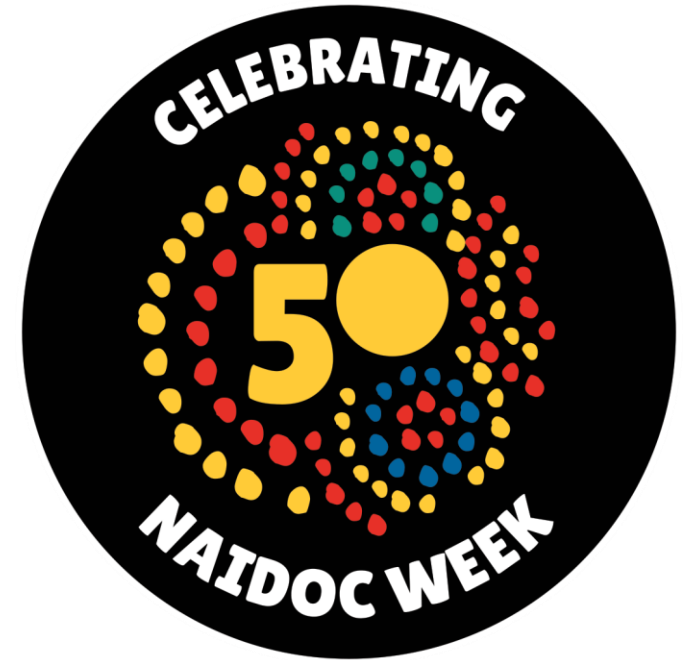
First Nations Partnerships

- ▶ Inland Rail alongside Martinus attended the Clontarf employment forum.
- ▶ The forum provided an opportunity for students in the Clontarf academies across 7 locations to connect with employers and discuss different pathways and opportunities for employment.



First Nations Partnerships

- ▶ Ongoing participation continues with Elders Groups, Mawang Gaway and Dyirramalang who are supporting the development of a local artist to create a shadow art design on the new Mothers Bridge pedestrian footbridge. The artwork is inspired by the theme of "Travelling across Wiradjuri Country with respect." The EOI is currently closed and the assessment processes is underway.
- ▶ **NAIDOC Week 2026 - *50 years of Deadly***
 - ▶ Link Up QLD presentation
 - ▶ Wagga NAIDOC march and flag raising
 - ▶ NAIDOC- Rivmed Wagga Showgrounds
 - ▶ NAIDOC celebrations Ashmont community resource centre



Community Benefits

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



Albury to Illabo/
Stockinbingal to
Parkes

July 2023 to June 2026



Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – June 2026

Lockhart Shire LGA

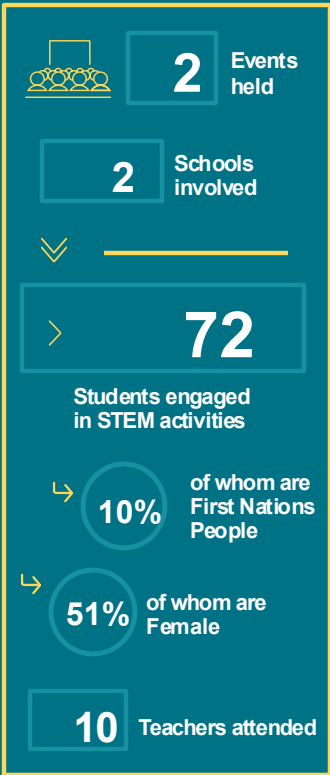


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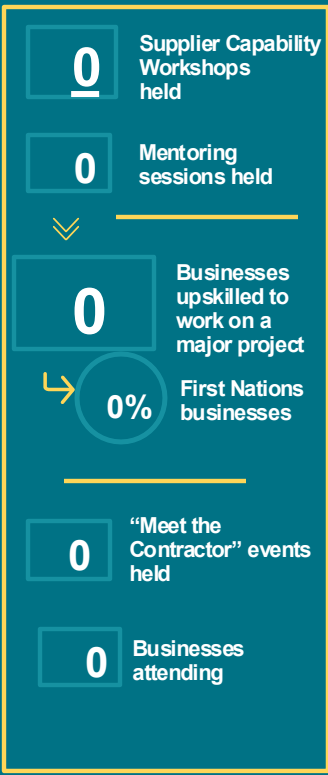


STEM
PARTNERSHIPS





UPSKILLING LOCAL
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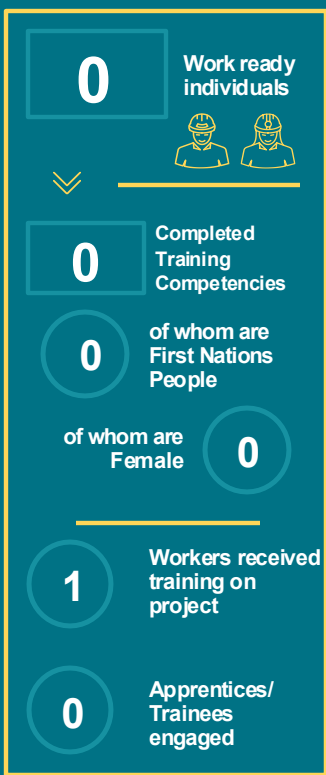
"Meet the Contractor" events held

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Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING





COMMUNITY GRANTS



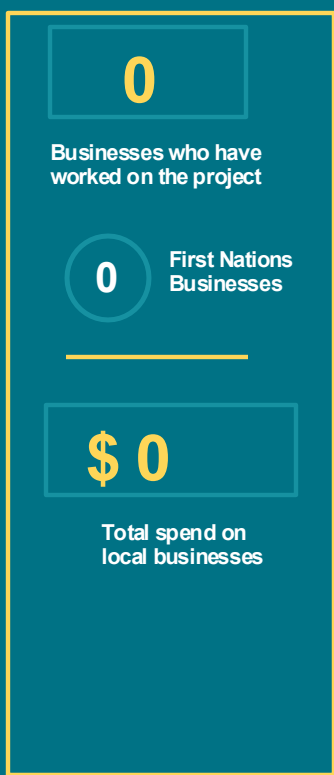


PROJECT
WORKFORCE





PROJECT
PROCUREMENT



Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – June 2026 Wagga Wagga City LGA



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STEM PARTNERSHIPS

 **27** Events held

19 Schools involved



> 4,294

Students engaged in STEM activities



12% of whom are First Nations People



48% of whom are Female

196 Teachers attended



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

6 Supplier Capability Workshops held

2 Mentoring sessions held



149 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project



5% First Nations businesses



2 “Meet the Contractor” events held

154 Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING

155 Work ready individuals



6 Completed Training Competencies

92%

of whom are First Nations People

of whom are Female

6%

20 Workers received training on project

9 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

56 Local community grants approved



\$202K

Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

222 Total workforce from LGA



7 Sustainable Jobs

11 Workers in trades

35 First Nations workers

24 Female workers

23 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

88

Businesses who have worked on the project

6

First Nations Businesses

\$12.0M

Total spend on local businesses

Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – June 2026 Junee LGA

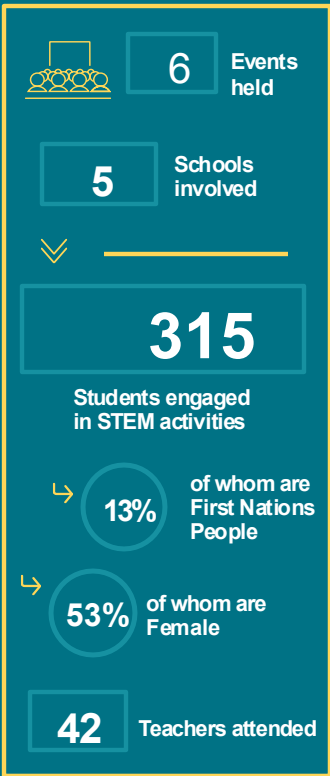


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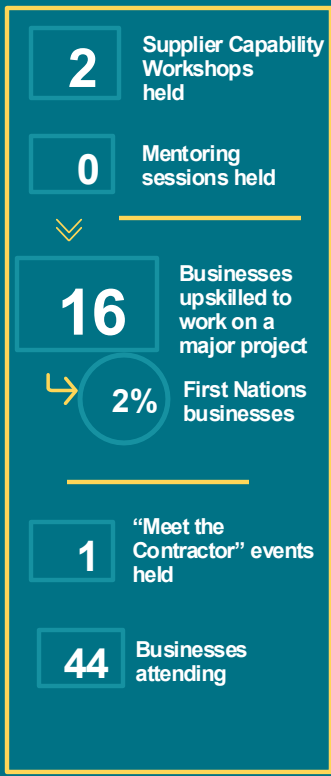
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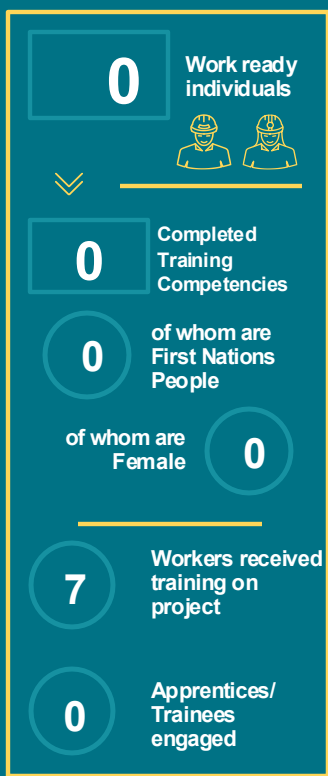
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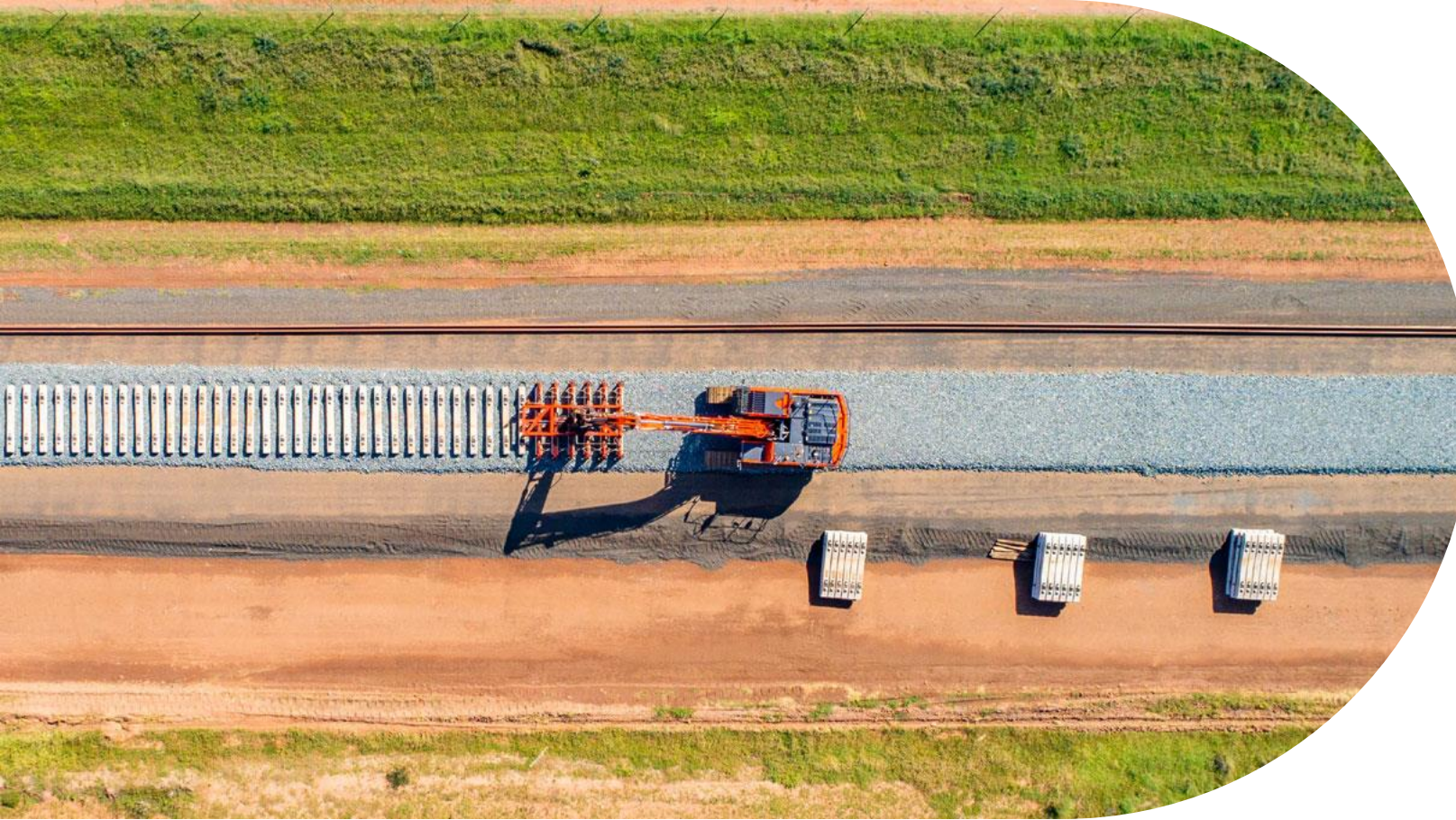




General Business and Community Feedback

Garry West – Chair CCC

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Conclusion and confirmation of actions

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Thank you

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