

Albury to Illabo Community Consultative Committee

Wagga Wagga sub-committee

Wednesday 4 November 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

- Site walk
  - Mothers footbridge
  - Edmondson St bridge
  - Cassidy footbridge
- Program and Project update
- Planning and Environment update
- Community update
- General Business and Community Feedback

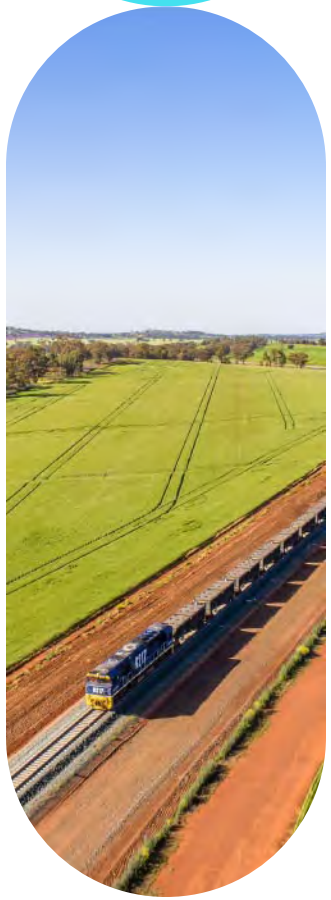
Introduction/Presenters

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Environment Manager

Kate Hardy
Stakeholder Engagement Lead





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Program and Project Update

Malcolm Clark – Project Director A2I/S2P

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Program and Project Update

- The Shareholding Department has agreed that Inland Rail should complete the minimum activities required to achieve corridor recognition for corridor preservation from Narromine to Gowrie:
  - pursuing special purpose corridor zoning for the sections between Narromine and the New South Wales/Queensland border
  - resolving important Native Title matters
- Successful September possession:
  - Kemp street bridge girder installations
  - Removal of Junee Station footbridge
  - Level crossing works at Brabins Road and Yerong Creek
- Key construction milestones at Cassidy footbridge and Albury Station footbridge

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Adjacent Projects Update

Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)

- Girders installed at Dirnaseer Road rail bridge
- Upcoming works:
  - Burley Griffin Way bridge construction and road alignment
  - Old Cootamundra Road bridge construction, including temporary road closure
- Earthworks and drainage works continue



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Yerong Creek

Cassidy Footbridge



Edmondson Street bridge





Mothers footbridge


Kemp Street bridge



Junee Station footbridge


Olympic Highway

Junee to Illabo



Junee to Illabo (LX604)





November possession proposed works

Site	Works
Uranquinty Yard	Level crossing upgrade; track slew; signalling works
Pearson St	FRP works
Cassidy footbridge	FRP works
Edmondson St	Install girders and walkways; FRP works
Wagga Yard and Mothers footbridge	Preparation works for demolition of current bridge; FRP works
Bomen Yard	Signalling works
Harefield Yard	Shoulder recon works
Kemp St	FRP works
Junee Yard	Signalling works; final track slew and distressing
Olympic Highway underbridge	Final track slew and distressing
Junee to Illabo	Level crossing works 604 and 606; track slew and distressing; signalling works

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Lookahead

Timing	Activity
November	• **Possession** – Saturday November 7 to Monday November 9 o Uranquinty o Pearson St o Cassidy footbridge o Edmondson St o Wagga Yard and Mothers footbridge o Bomen Yard o Harefield Yard o Kemp St o Junee Yard o Olympic Highway underbridge o Junee to Illabo
December	• **Continue work across sites** o Pearson St o Cassidy footbridge o Edmondson St o Mothers footbridge o Bomen Yard o Harefield Yard o Kemp St o Junee to Illabo • **Sites shut down** – December 23 to January 4
January – March 2027	• **Possession** – Saturday March 6 to Tuesday March 9



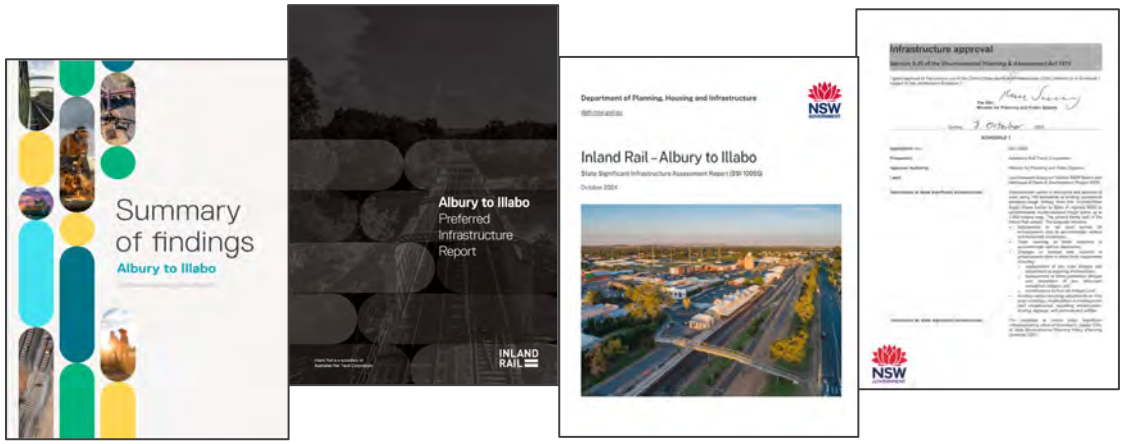


Planning and Environment

Susan Kay – Environment Manager

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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 (Wagga/Junee)

Low Impact Works

Stage B and Stage C Environmental Management Plans

→

Commencement of Stage C Construction

Monitoring & Reporting

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Operation by ARTC

OEMP/OEMS & Monitoring

October 2024

January 2025

We are here!!

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Operational Noise and Vibration

- In May 2026, the Australian Government announced that Inland Rail would focus on delivery of the project between Beveridge in Victoria and Parkes in New South Wales as a priority, with the section north of Parkes preserved for future consideration.

- As a result of this decision, the operational assumptions for the Albury to Illabo (A2I) section have changed. Train volumes are not expected to reach the levels that were previously forecast under a fully realised Inland Rail network.

- Inland Rail's investment in the A2I section has improved the capability of the rail corridor through upgrades to bridges, signalling, level crossings and track infrastructure, enabling the safe operation of double-stacked freight trains.

- While these upgrades increase the capability of the rail network, they do not in themselves create additional freight demand or increase train services.

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Operational Noise and Vibration

- Because train volumes are not expected to reach the levels previously forecast, the nature and extent of potential operational noise and vibration impacts are expected to differ from those assessed under earlier program assumptions.
- For property owners previously identified as potentially affected by operational noise and vibration, this means the Operational Noise and Vibration Review (ONVR) and consideration of any associated mitigation measures will be deferred until such time as the full Inland Rail program is realised and future operational scenarios can be accurately assessed.
- Inland Rail remains committed to keeping communities informed and engaging openly with stakeholders as the program evolves.
- The circumstances that would require the ONVR to be revisited in the future will be developed in consultation with the New South Wales Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

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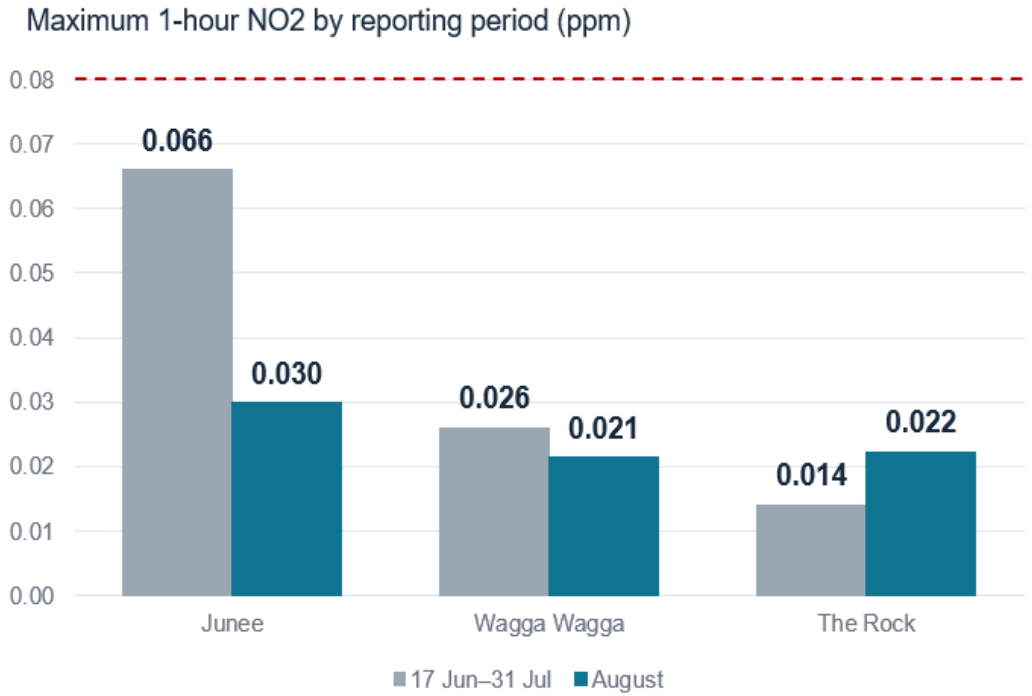
Operational Noise and Vibration: Community Engagement

Stage	Timing	Stakeholder	How
1	Week of November 2	CCC Key stakeholders	▪ Briefings
2	Week of November 9	Direct receivers identified in the PIR	▪ Formal correspondence ▪ Follow up phone calls, email and/or meetings if requested by individuals
3	Week of November 9	Broader community	▪ Website live with dedicated A2I ONVR page

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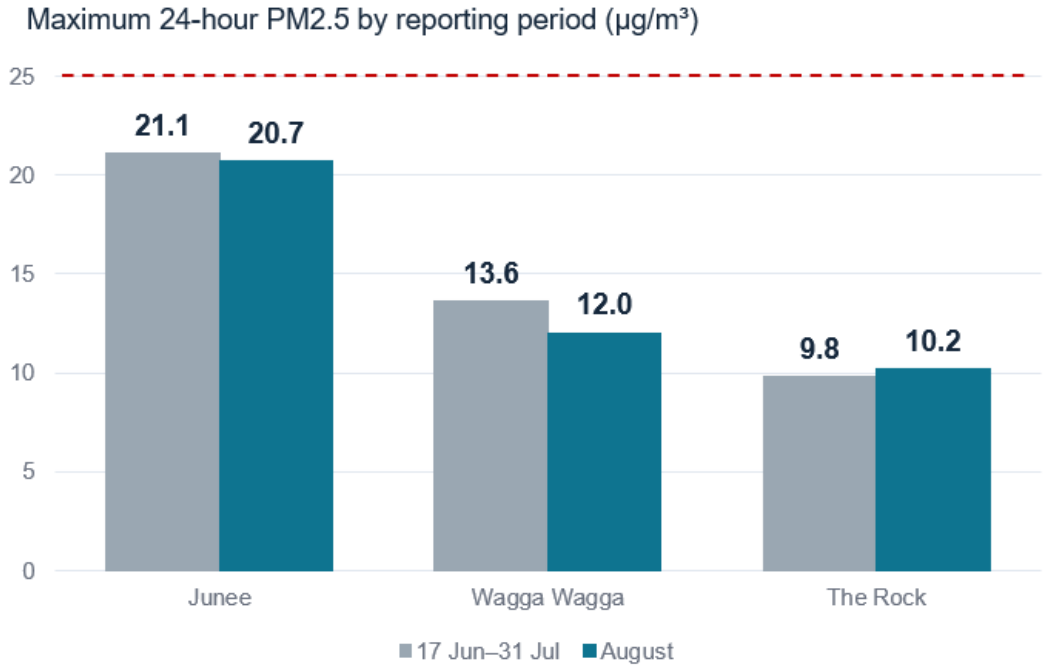
Air Quality

- Air quality monitoring stations set up in Wagga, Junee and The Rock adjacent to idling locations
- No exceedances of NO_2 or $PM_{2.5}$ criteria during the last two monitoring periods



Criterion: 0.08 ppm (1-hour average) — no exceedances in either reporting period

Albury to Illabo Inland Rail | Air Quality Monitoring | 17 June – 31 August 2026



Criterion: 25 µg/m³ (24-hour average) — no exceedances in either reporting period

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Community engagement update

Kate Hardy – Stakeholder Engagement Lead

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Community Engagement

Timing	Activity
August 12	Clontarf Experience Day
September 22-24	Henty Field Days
October 10	Illabo Show
October 23 and 29	Uranquinty information sessions
October 24	Junee Show
Mid-October	Engagement for November possession
Monthly	Monitoring meetings with Council staff – Wagga Wagga City Council, Lockhart Shire Council and Junee Shire Council
Quarterly	Briefing WWCC General Manager and Mayor



Successful Grants

- Erin Earth – water harvesting project
- Wagga Eisteddfod Society – rental costs for theatre and Playhouse
- Wagga Water polo – resources for referees and controllers
- Junee Businesses and Trades – Christmas on Broadway, main stage entertainment
- Junee Evening VIEW Club – charity ball
- Junee RSL sub-branch – portable display flagpoles
- Junee Regenerative Landcare – community calendar



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." Artist has been selected and is finalising design.
- **Clontarf Experience Day -** students attended a site visit at the Martinus Edmonston St compound. This site visit formed part of their career planning process for Years 10-12 and provides the students an ability to see if construction/rail is a career pathway for them. The boys went through a safety briefing, protection officer briefing, saw the new Mothers bridge and understood the different pieces of plant/machinery
- **Clontarf Awards nights** upcoming in Term 4 for Kooringal High, Mt Austin High and James Fallon High; Inland Rail to attend and will present a training award.







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Community Benefits

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

2,043
People have worked on this section

174
Of whom are First Nations People

547
Local residents have worked on this section

62
Of whom are local First Nations People

Albury to Illabo/ Stockinbingal to Parkes

July 2023 to September 2026

136
Women employed

122
Trades people employed

125
Employed for 26 weeks or over for a minimum of 15 hours a week

286
Local businesses have supplied to this section

12
First Nations businesses Australia-wide

$47.1M
Total spend with local businesses

$2.17M
Total spend with First Nations businesses Australia-wide

Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – September 2026 Lockhart Shire LGA

BUSINESS FOR SOCIETAL IMPACT
CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP
SUPPORTED BY SLR
ASSURED 2026

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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

- 2 Events held
- 2 Schools involved
- 72 Students engaged in STEM activities
  - 10% of whom are First Nations People
  - 51% of whom are Female
- 10 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
  - of whom are Female 0
- 1 Workers received training on project
- 0 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged

COMMUNITY GRANTS

- 4 Local community grants approved
- $10K Cash contributions

PROJECT WORKFORCE

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

PROJECT PROCUREMENT

- 0 Businesses who have worked on the project
- 0 First Nations Businesses
- $ 0 Total spend on local businesses

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2019 – September 2026 Wagga Wagga City LGA

BUSINESS FOR SOCIETAL IMPACT CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP SUPPORTED BY SLR ASSURED 2026

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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

- 169 Work ready individuals
- 6 Completed Training Competencies
- 92% of whom are First Nations People
- of whom are Female 5%
- 21 Workers received training on project
- 10 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged

COMMUNITY GRANTS

- 59 Local community grants approved
- $214K Cash contributions

PROJECT WORKFORCE

- 256 Total workforce from LGA
- 7 Sustainable Jobs
- 12 Workers in trades
- 37 First Nations workers
- 27 Female workers
- 30 Young Workers (Under 25)

PROJECT PROCUREMENT

- 115 Businesses who have worked on the project
- 6 First Nations Businesses
- $16.6M Total spend on local businesses

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2019 – September 2026 Junee LGA

BUSINESS FOR SOCIETAL IMPACT
CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP
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ASSURED 2026

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STEM PARTNERSHIPS

- 6 Events held
- 5 Schools involved
- 315 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
  - of whom are Female 0
- 8 Workers received training on project
- 0 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged

COMMUNITY GRANTS

- 25 Local community grants approved
- $86K Cash contributions

PROJECT WORKFORCE

- 29 Total workforce from LGA
  - 1 Sustainable Jobs
  - 1 Workers in trades
  - 0 First Nations workers
  - 2 Female workers
  - 3 Young Workers (Under 25)

PROJECT PROCUREMENT

- 9 Businesses who have worked on the project
  - 0 First Nations Businesses
- $ 1.0M Total spend on local businesses

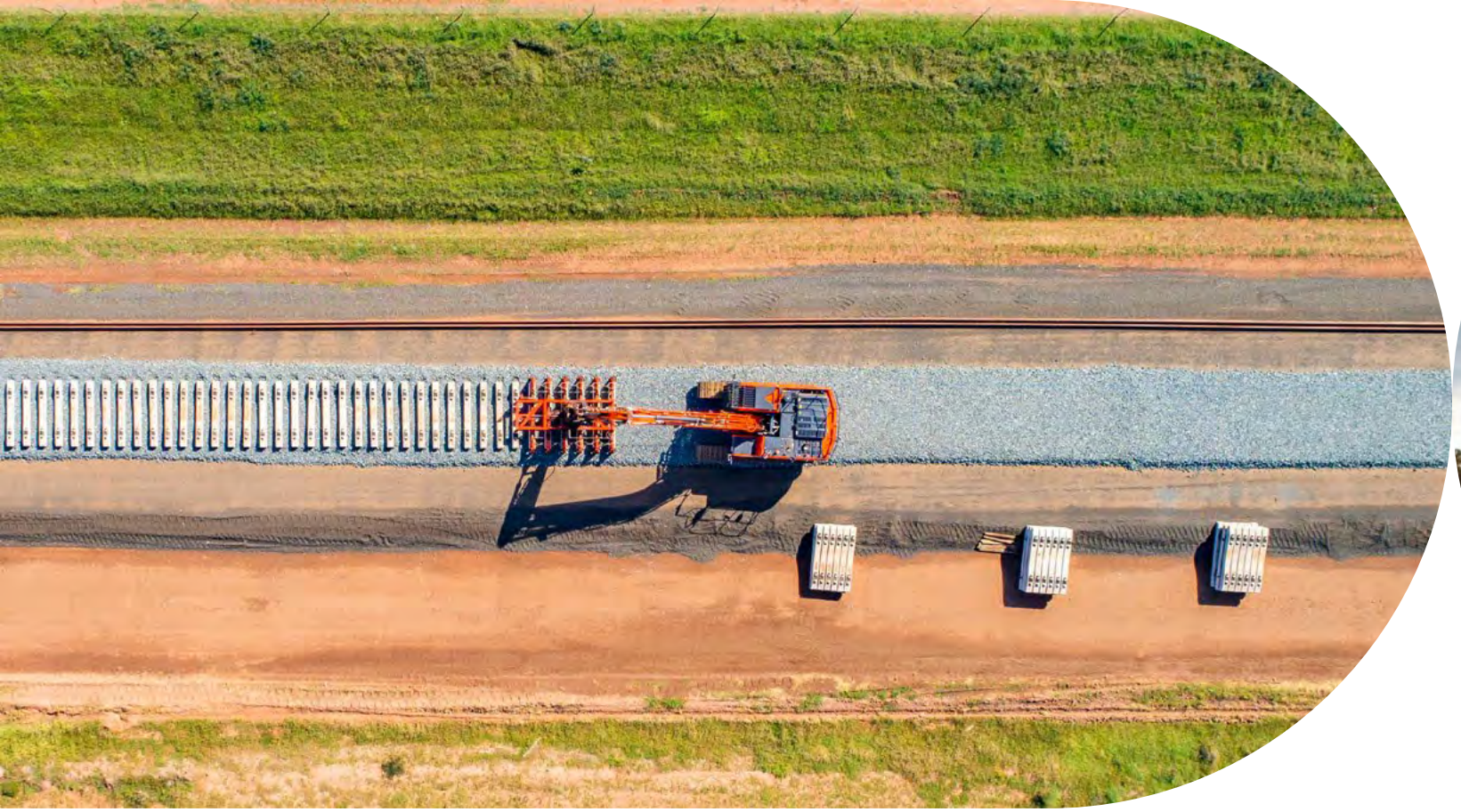




General Business and Community Feedback

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Conclusion and confirmation of actions

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Thank you

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