

North Star to NSW/QLD Border

Visualisation of the proposed viaduct across the Macintyre River

PROJECT FACT SHEET

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About the North Star to NSW/Queensland Border project

This 39km section of Inland Rail connects North Star in New South Wales (NSW) to the Queensland Rail South Western System on the NSW/Queensland border.

The North Star to NSW/Queensland Border project includes upgrading 27km of non-operational rail line and 12km of new track across the Macintyre River, allowing for future connections to Goondiwindi and the broader region.

It follows the existing track north from North Star before crossing Bruxner Way and the border to join the existing Queensland Rail line.

Project status

The North Star to NSW/Queensland Border project is currently in the approvals stage.

The project's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was released for public exhibition and comment by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on 26 August 2020 for 42 days.

In preparing the draft EIS, we carried out environmental studies and investigations, flood modelling and analysis, and community and stakeholder engagement.

Following the project's public exhibition, DPE asked us to prepare a response to the submissions received.

During this stage, we developed several reports to respond to issues raised and help DPE assess the project. We are continuing to refine the project's detailed design by investigating road/rail interface options, interfaces with utilities, services, and other projects.

You can view the draft EIS, submissions and reports online at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10221

North Star to NSW/QLD Border project timeline*



* Timelines are indicative and subject to change. Major construction will not start until statutory approvals have been received.

Visualisation of Bruxner Way, looking east

What has been happening?

Since 2016, our team has undertaken detailed field studies and consultation with landowners and local communities. These investigations have helped us to understand the potential issues and opportunities around the Macintyre River crossing. Some of this work includes:

- + meeting and working with landowners, stakeholders and the community to gather information about flooding, roads, traffic patterns, utilities and services, business opportunities and farming operations
- + undertaking a range of investigations to gain a better understanding of existing environmental features, technical challenges and opportunities
- + sharing information with the local community through individual conversations, community information sessions, meetings and project communication
- + developing a detailed flood model of the Macintyre floodplain catchment area
- + liaising with directed affected landowners, local flood specialists, government and the community to incorporate feedback and input into the reference design.

Next steps

We are currently working with DPE to negotiate the project's draft conditions of approval. This is a collaborative process which also considers community submissions.

The Minister for Planning will then make a decision about whether to approve the project.

For more information please visit inlandrail.artc.com.au/NS2B

About Inland Rail

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Once complete, Inland Rail will transform how we move goods around Australia, better link businesses, manufacturers and producers to national and global markets and generate new opportunities for industries and regions.

Comprising 13 individual projects, Inland Rail is the largest freight rail infrastructure project in Australia and one of the most significant infrastructure projects in the world.

Disclaimer: Project visualisations are for illustrative purposes and not to scale. Please note, the reference design may change as a result of further investigations, government approvals or during detailed design.



Legend

- Inland Rail – new track
- Dual gauge new track
- Inland Rail – existing track to be upgraded
- Existing rail
- ARTC rail network
- City
- Project boundary
- Town
- Port

Want to know more?

ARTC is committed to working with landowners, communities, state and local governments as a vital part of our planning and consultation work, and we value your input. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

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