

Narromine to Narrabri Inland Rail Project

Community Consultative Committee Meeting
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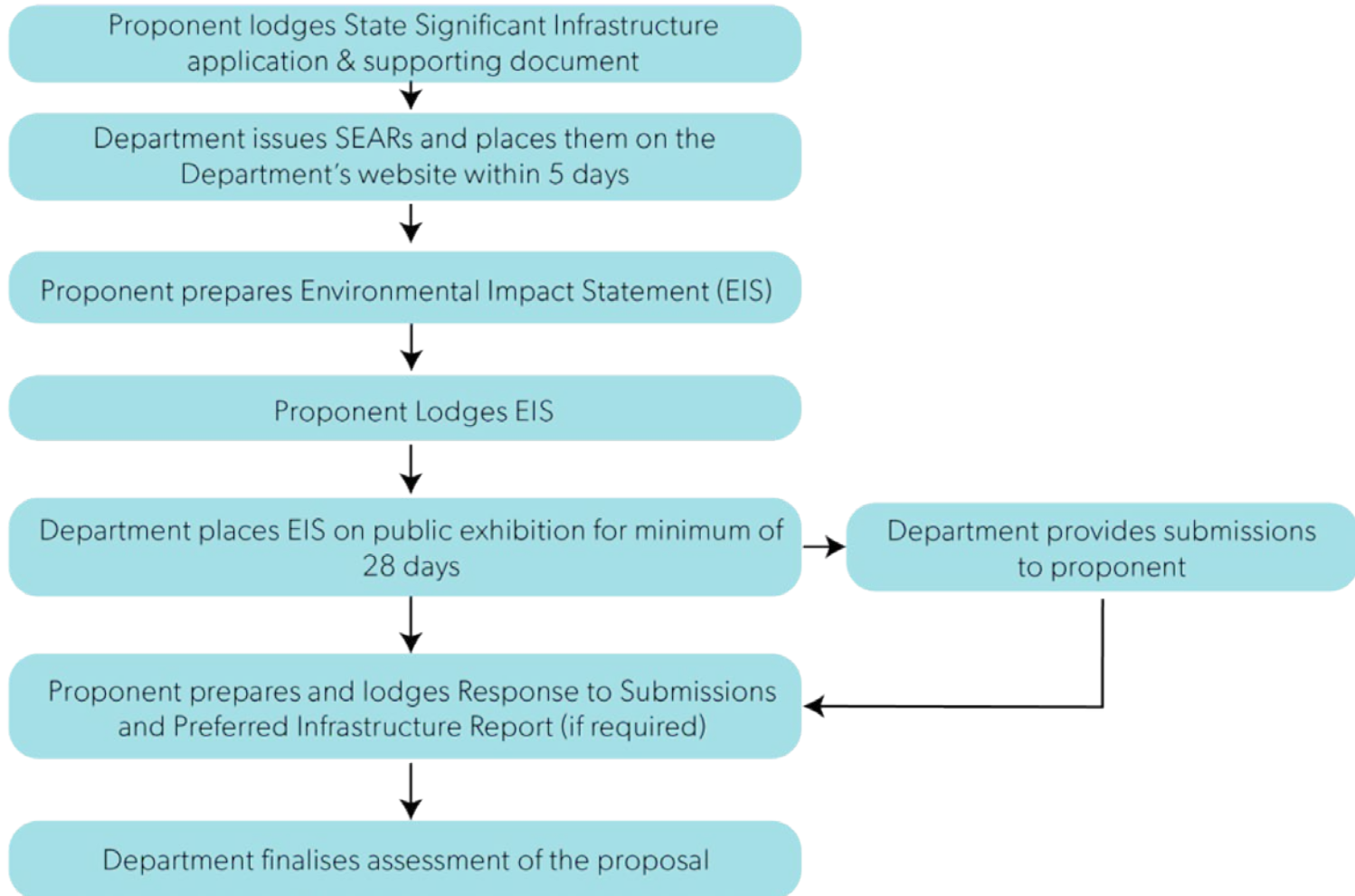




Planning Approval Process

- Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) is the proponent for the application which was lodged with DPE on 16 July 2018.
- The **Narromine to Narrabri** proposal is State significant infrastructure (SSI) as it meets the requirements of the *SRD SEPP 2011* - development of rail infrastructure by ARTC that has a capital investment value of more than \$50 million.
- The proposal will be assessed under Division 5.2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- The Minister for Planning (the Hon Anthony Roberts) is the determining authority for the proposal.
- **DPE issued the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the proposal on 28 September 2018.**

SSI Flowchart





SEARs

- The SEARs identify the key issues and assessment requirements for the **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**.
- SEARs are prepared in consultation with and in consideration of key issues raised by public agencies and councils.

Environmental Impact Statement

- Prepared in accordance with the SEARs and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* and includes:
 - Detailed description of the project and project area
 - Statement of the objectives of the project, including strategic need and justification
 - Analysis of feasible alternatives and options
 - Environmental risk analysis
 - Assessment of environmental impacts
 - Measures to avoid and minimise impacts
 - Community consultation and issues raised
- The EIS will be publicly exhibited for a minimum period of 28 days during which time DPE will accept submissions.

Response to Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure Report

- Following the EIS exhibition, the Department will request ARTC to provide a response to the issues raised in submissions from the community, councils and public agencies.
- Any changes to the project to address submissions and design refinements will be addressed in a Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR).
- The Response to Submissions and the PIR, if required, will be made publicly available on the DPE major project's website.

Assessment and Determination

- Following receipt of the Response to Submissions, and a PIR where applicable, the Department will assess the proposed project.
- This assessment will take into account all issues raised in submissions as well as the Proponent's response to these.
- The assessment will focus on the expected impacts from the proposed project and any measures proposed to mitigate them.
- On completion of the assessment, DPE will make a recommendation to the Minister to either refuse or approve the proposed project.
- The Minister will then Determine the project. If approved, the approval will be based on a number of conditions that were informed by the Department's assessment and are aimed at managing impacts from the proposal.

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