

Narromine to Narrabri



306km – New rail corridor and track

Looking east along Box Ridge Road, Mount Tenandra

About the Narromine to Narrabri project

The Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) project comprises 306km of new rail corridor and track. The project will enable trains to connect with other sections of Inland Rail to the north and south, completing one of the missing rail links along the supply chain route. The line will accommodate double-stacked freight trains up to 1,800m long and 6.5m high and travelling at speeds of up to 115km/hr.

Construction of Inland Rail's longest stretch of new rail corridor will involve millions of cubic meters of earthworks for new embankments, the installation of thousands of culverts, road realignments and utility relocations. The current design features 49 new public level crossings, 75 new bridges and viaducts and seven crossing loops, each up to 2.2km long.

To get a bird's eye view of the Narromine to Narrabri section and see the structures of the current design, go to inlandrail.com.au/n2n-works-planning and watch the fly-throughs.

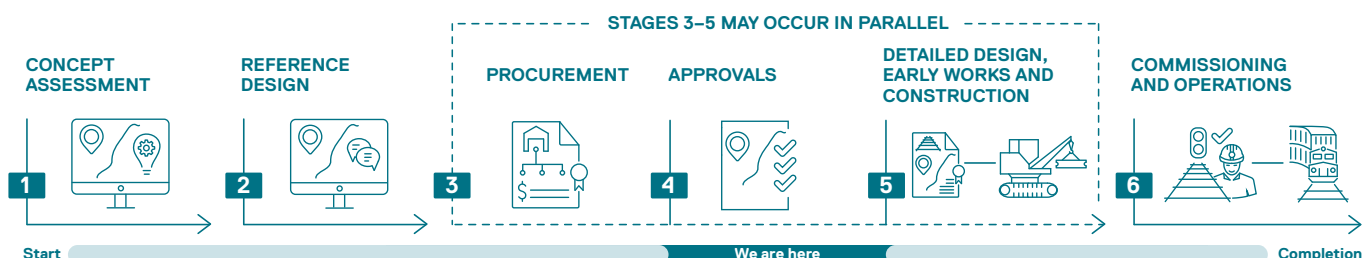


Visualisation of the Inland Rail bridge over The Island Road and Narrabri Creek

What's been happening

- In December 2020, ARTC Inland Rail lodged the Narromine to Narrabri Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). It was on public exhibition for three months, from **Tuesday 8 December 2020 until Sunday 7 February 2021**.
- In early 2021 the N2N project was granted 'Critical State Significant Infrastructure' (CSSI) status by DPE.
- In August 2021, the NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads approved the acquisition of land by Transport for NSW, for the N2N project.
- In late 2021, ACCIONA and CPB Contractors Joint Venture (ACACPB JV) was appointed as the preferred contractor to deliver detailed design and civil construction, and Martinus appointed the preferred contractor to lay the rail track.
- In January 2022, we opened a new Inland Rail office and shopfront at **85 Maitland Street, Narrabri**. Open on weekdays, the new space gives the community a chance to get the latest project information in person.
- In March 2022, the EIS Response to Submissions Report and Preferred Infrastructure/Amendment Report (PIR) was lodged with DPE for adequacy review. The PIR was on public exhibition for three weeks, from **Wednesday 31 August 2022 until Friday 23 September**. The reports outline proposed amendments to further reduce impacts identified in the project's EIS and respond to feedback from the community, key stakeholders and EIS submissions.

Project stages



What happens next

ARTC Inland Rail will produce a PIR Response to Submissions report and lodge it with DPE for final review. DPE will then assess the project on its merits and provide a recommendation (including conditions of approval) to the NSW Minister for Planning for determination.

DPE's Environmental Assessment Report and the Minister's decision will be forwarded to Australian Government's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water with a recommendation on whether the project should be approved, with or without conditions.

We expect to receive primary approval and commence detailed design in the next six months.

Following approval, DPE will review and approve the various management plans that address the project's conditions of approval. This is the last step of the planning process before major construction can begin.

While the approvals process is underway, we will continue to complete the property acquisition process with affected landowners.

You will continue to see representatives from our construction contractor ACACPB JV along the alignment undertaking detailed surveys and field investigations. ARTC Inland Rail will continue to engage with all stakeholders as we progress toward project construction.

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- Inland Rail – new track
- Inland Rail – existing track to be upgraded
- Inland Rail – enhancement works for clearances
- Existing rail
- ARTC rail network
- Project boundary
- Town
- Port

Keep updated

To receive updates, details of upcoming events or other information on the Narromine to Narrabri project, please subscribe to the project newsletter at inlandrail.com.au/subscribe

Visit our Narrabri community shopfront

85 Maitland Street, Narrabri

Want to know more?

ARTC is committed to working with property owners, 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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