

Inland Rail draft designs for Benalla out now



As Victoria moves in and out of lockdown restrictions, we want to reassure locals that we're continuing to work on planning and approvals to deliver Inland Rail in Benalla.

We understand there is strong support to realign the track in Benalla. That's why we've developed a draft design on what that might look like for the Benalla Station Precinct to compare with the design option for a new bridge. Inland Rail also requires modifications to various infrastructure across Victoria that are owned by different state and local agencies. This means ARTC's designs must meet the asset owner's key requirements and engineering standards and comply with regulatory requirements in our design.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

Regular engagement so far has included discussions with the community at our regular drop-in location, meetings with Benalla Working Group, Benalla Rural City Council and community groups, and liaising with our State and Australian government stakeholders. Key planning and approvals processes you've shared your views on include:

- ▶ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 referrals
- ▶ Urban Design Framework
- ▶ Planning Scheme Amendment.

These important processes have helped us gather views from a broad section of the community on what's important in Benalla to enable Inland Rail in your town.

WHAT HAVE YOU TOLD US?

We've heard positive sentiment towards the benefits of the project, the importance of taking a whole precinct approach and feedback on the improvements to the passenger experience following the North East Rail Line Upgrade. We've also heard a variety of views on the bridge option proposed to date for Benalla.

DESIGN ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

We know there are key areas you want us to focus on to ensure what we deliver leaves a positive legacy in Benalla:

Safety

- ▶ Concerns for the safety of pedestrians and patrons using the station area, particularly with cars and buses turning outside of the station building.
- ▶ The existing pedestrian underpass is dark, narrow and does not feel safe to move through.

Accessibility

- ▶ Access to the station needs to be accessible for all patrons, including disability access.
- ▶ The vehicle bridge leading to the station is steep and has poor sight lines, particularly when driving to the top of the bridge and exiting onto Mackellar Street.

Heritage

- ▶ The Benalla Central Urban Conservation Area, including the Benalla Railway Station and the Signal Boxes, have local heritage value and forms part of the heritage character of central Benalla.

Amenity

- ▶ The existing vehicle overpass between Mackellar Street and the station is visually unappealing and detracts from the visual amenity of the station precinct.
- ▶ There is a desire for a connected, visually attractive train station precinct that connects both sides of the railway.

DESIGN OPTIONS FOR BENALLA



New bridge to replace existing structure for Benalla Station Approach Road



Track realignment at the Benalla Station Precinct with either:
 1. A pedestrian underpass or;
 2. A pedestrian overpass



Scan this QR code to see the full 3D visualisations of draft designs for Benalla and to have your say.



HOW CAN I SEE THE DRAFT DESIGNS?

Over the coming weeks, visit our interactive map inlandrail.com.au/benalla-map-marker, check your letterbox, in the Benalla Ensign, on social media or in our shopfront at **50 Nunn Street, Benalla.**

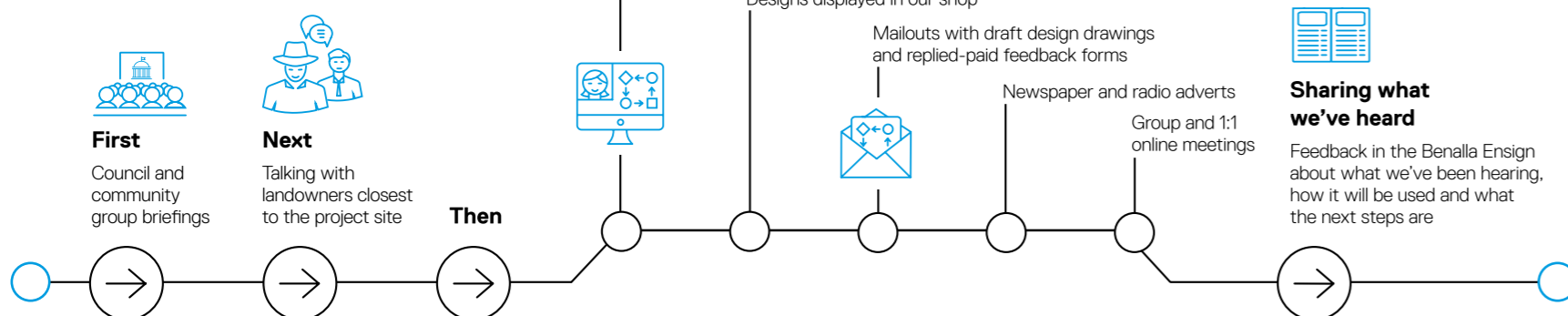


HOW CAN I SHARE MY VIEWS?

Call **1800 732 761** or email victoriaprojects@artc.com.au to book a time to discuss draft designs or for more information. From **22 September**, you can:

- ▶ View designs and post comments on our interactive map at inlandrail.com.au/benalla-map-marker
- ▶ Book a time to speak to our project engineers and other subject matter experts to **share views** or ask questions
- ▶ Return surveys online or via post-paid mail.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US OVER THE COMING WEEKS



Visualisation of what a track realignment with a pedestrian underpass may look like at the Benalla Station Precinct



Visualisation of what a track realignment with a pedestrian overpass may look like at the Benalla Station Precinct



Visualisation of what a new bridge may look like to replace the existing structure for Benalla Station Approach Road