

INLAND RAIL TOTTENHAM TO ALBURY PROJECT FACT SHEET

ENVIRONMENT REPORT (NOVEMBER 2021)

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WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENT REPORT?

In Victoria, a key step in moving ahead with Stage 1 of the Inland Rail Tottenham to Albury (Beveridge to Albury) project is to complete an Environment Report.

The Victorian Minister for Planning directed the Project to complete this Report to ensure Inland Rail meets regulatory requirements to manage the environment within project areas across North East Victoria. This means we have completed a range of important assessments for each of the 12 sites in Stage 1 to compile the report, for the Minister's assessment.

The Report describes the project, assesses its potential environmental effects which will be assessed against the Minister's 'Scope Requirements' that projects need to meet in Victoria.

The Report examines the potential impacts to biodiversity values and cumulative impacts of the project in the context of nearby infrastructure projects, social and economic impacts, and feasible alternatives. It also outlines avoidance and mitigation measures that could reduce environmental effects.

WHAT DOES THE REPORT INCLUDE?

The Report outlines strategies that consider the residual environmental impacts during construction, rehabilitation, and operation, and summarises consultation undertaken to date. It includes these key areas and proposed avoidance/mitigation measures:

- ▶ Ecological communities – impacts to native plants (including trees, shrubs, and grasses) and protected animals in Victoria, which occupy and interact in a unique habitat
- ▶ Social – direct and indirect impacts that affect people and their communities
- ▶ Economic – transport connectivity and efficiency between freight origins and destinations

HOW CAN I HAVE MY SAY?

We are publicly exhibiting the Environment Report from **1 November 2021 to 28 November 2021** with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to seek valuable feedback from the community.

We want to know your thoughts on the Report, and its assessment of the relevant impacts on native vegetation, habitat, and biodiversity values. During this period, you can access the report, all supporting documents, and video at **inlandrail.com.au/t2a-status**

You can request a copy of the report to be sent on a USB in the mail. Call **1800 732 761** or email **victoriaprojects@artc.com.au** by **8 November 2021** to receive a USB. Visit **inlandrail.com.au/t2a-status** to access the online resources.

WHAT FEEDBACK SHOULD I SUBMIT?

During the exhibition of the Environment Report, the Minister for Planning is looking for submissions on proposed mitigation measures, and data the project has included in the Environment Report.

For example:

- ▶ You may be interested in commenting on a particular mitigation strategy we've proposed
- ▶ Perhaps you would like to provide feedback on a species of native plant and/or animal found within one of our project areas
- ▶ Maybe you have general feedback on our proposed approach to managing the environment throughout the project, which we've outlined within the Environment Report.

SUBMIT YOUR FEEDBACK TO DELWP

EMAIL **environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au**



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ARTC is committed to working with communities and landowners, state and local government 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. ARTC is also delivering the North East Rail Line upgrade. See artc.com.au/northeast for more information.

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