

An aerial photograph showing a railway line cutting through a vast, green agricultural landscape. A blue and yellow train is visible on the tracks, moving away from the viewer. The surrounding fields are lush and green, with some trees scattered in the distance under a clear blue sky.

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INNER DARLING DOWNS COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

2 March 2023

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Inland Rail acknowledges the Traditional custodians of the land on which we work, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Actions
- Department of Infrastructure update
- Inland Rail Program update
- Stakeholder Engagement update CCC Tour
- Social Performance update
- Business opportunities – ICN
- EIS update
- BHQ Update
- General business
- Questions from observers

ACTIONS

NO	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	RESPONSE
1	Provide a response on whether any leaching of lime or other contaminants that has caused environmental concerns during construction in NSW with the flooding that has occurred.	ARTC	<p>“There were no areas on the project where lime leaching or other contaminants have caused any environmental concern or harm during the floods.”</p> <p><i>Justin Bate, HSE Superintendent</i></p>
2	<p>Provide the number of hectares of the offsets property.</p> <p>Response provided in meeting: 2,800ha</p>	CLOSED	Response provided in meeting: 2,800ha
3	Share Inland Rail’s Foot and Mouth policy and protocols with the Committee	ARTC	Emailed to committee
4	Provide a cumulative look at work Inland Rail is involved in and what the local spend is. MJ said the KPIs are commercial in confidence and unable to be published and will provide more details on ARTC’s local spend KPIs for the contractor at the next meeting.	ARTC	Update to be presented during the March 2023 meeting

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Dianne Loughnan

Inland Rail Regional Liaison Officer

Department of Transport, Regional Development and Communications and the Arts

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INLAND RAIL REVIEW

- The Independent Review of Inland Rail by Dr Kerry Schott has been completed and the Australian Government is currently considering its recommendations.
- The Review has assessed the governance and program delivery approaches of the Inland Rail Program.
- The Review findings and recommendations will help inform the future delivery of Inland Rail.
- The Government intends to release Dr Schott’s report and the Government’s response as soon as it has been fully considered.
- The Review has considered the scope, schedule and cost of the program. It has also looked at options for the new Inland Rail intermodal terminals to be built in Melbourne and Brisbane, improved links to the ports of these cities and the Toowoomba to Gladstone Inland Rail Extension Business Case.



INLAND RAIL PROGRAM UPDATE

Rob Smith

Senior Project Manager, ARTC Inland Rail

2022 IN REVIEW

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INLAND RAIL PROJECT APPROVAL STATUS

Operational

- Parkes to Narromine

Projects in construction

- Narrabri to North Star Phase 1
- Tottenham to Albury Phase 1 Tranche 1

Projects completing EIS or equivalent

- Narromine to Narrabri
- North Star to Border
- Albury to Illabo
- Illabo to Stockinbingal
- Narrabri to North Star Phase 2
- Tottenham to Albury Phase 1 (Tranche 2)

Project awaiting approvals pathway/ on hold

- Kagaru to Acacia Ridge / Bromelton
- Tottenham to Albury Phase 2

Projects approved post Feb '23

- Narromine to Narrabri
- North Star to Border

**Awaiting Australian Government approvals*

Projects requiring Review of Environmental Factors

- Stockinbingal to Parkes

Wyndham Ave bridge, Darroobalgie crossing loop, Lachlan River bridge and horizontal clearance works REFs all approved

Projects at Revised Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or equivalent

- Border to Gowrie
- Gowrie to Helidon
- Helidon to Calvert
- Calvert to Kagaru

CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES IN VICTORIA

- Major construction works commenced in Glenrowan, Victoria.
- ARTC marked the occasion with a community event in Glenrowan.
- To enable double stacked trains, ARTC must upgrade existing infrastructure at 12 sites.
- McConnell Dowell, the appointed contractor on the first four projects at Seymour, Barnawartha North, Glenrowan, and Wangaratta, have commenced preliminary site works and will move into major construction in the coming weeks.



GOWRIE TO HELIDON (G2H) PROJECT UPDATE

Environmental Impact Assessment

- Queensland Coordinator-General has released its formal request for additional information (RFI).
- Some geotechnical and environmental investigations continue as part of ongoing EIS studies.
- Updating the chapters for a revised draft EIS.
- Addressing submissions received from the public to inform the detailed design.

Engagement

- Ongoing consultation with Toowoomba Regional Council.
- Working with local communities to discuss specific concerns.
- Notifying the community about the RFI and project updates.



G2H UPCOMING EVENTS

Social and Sustainability Workshop

- Thursday 16 March 2023
- Gowrie Junction Hall / online

Gowrie to Calvert CCC Meeting

- Tuesday 18 April 2023
- Laidley Cultural Centre

Flora, Fauna and Offsets Workshop

- Wednesday 19 April 2023
- Murphy's Creek Community Hall / online

All are welcome to attend



NORTH STAR TO BORDER (NS2B) UPDATE

EIS

- The NS2B Conditions of Approval were accepted by Inland Rail early February 2023
- ARTC Inland Rail has received environmental approval from the NSW Minister for Planning to progress the North Star to NSW/ Queensland Border project, subject to conditions and Australian Government approvals.
- The project will be assessed by the Australian Government under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. A decision is expected in the coming months.
- This approval is for the NSW section only and does not include the section in Queensland.

Engagement

- Ongoing ancillaries works engagement
- Property acquisition conversations.



BORDER TO GOWRIE (B2G) PROJECT TIMELINE

Border to Gowrie project timeline*



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

Visualisation of proposed grade separation at Chamberlain Road, Gowrie Mountain

BORDER TO GOWRIE (B2G) PROJECT UPDATE AND UPCOMING SITE INVESTIGATIONS AND SURVEYS

- BHQ Joint Venture (BHQJV) are the preferred proponent for the North Civil Works Program between Whetstone and Gowrie.
- Ongoing geotechnical investigations, inclusive of cultural heritage investigations – moving south from Millmerran to Whetstone.
- Feature surveys – Owen Scrubb Road to Whetstone, including Bringalily State Forest.
- Geotechnical investigation of potential borrow sites (quarry materials).
- Investigation of potential ground water monitoring bores and decommissioning of some existing ground water monitoring bores.



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Majella Doyle

Manager Stakeholder Engagement B2G & K2ARB, Inland Rail

WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE WE LAST MET

Events and tours

- **Pittsworth Postle Gift**
10 December 2022
- **Ecology Workshop**
18 January 2023
- **CCC Tour**
4-5 February 2023
- **Office of the Coordinator-General (OC-G) Tour**
7-8 February 2023



February drop-in sessions

- **Pittsworth Woolworths**
1 February 2023
- **Brookstead Park**
8 February 2023
- **Inglewood Bakehouse and Café**
15 February 2023
- **Millmerran IGA**
22 February 2023

SPONSORING OUR B2G COMMUNITIES - 2023 AG SHOWS

Millmerran Show (4 – 5 March)

- Saturday Night Entertainment Sponsor

Pittsworth Show (10 – 11 March)

- Gold Sponsor: Show Hunter Events

Inglewood Show (18 March)

- Platinum Sponsor: Dachshund Race Sponsor

Toowoomba Royal Show (30 March – 1 April)

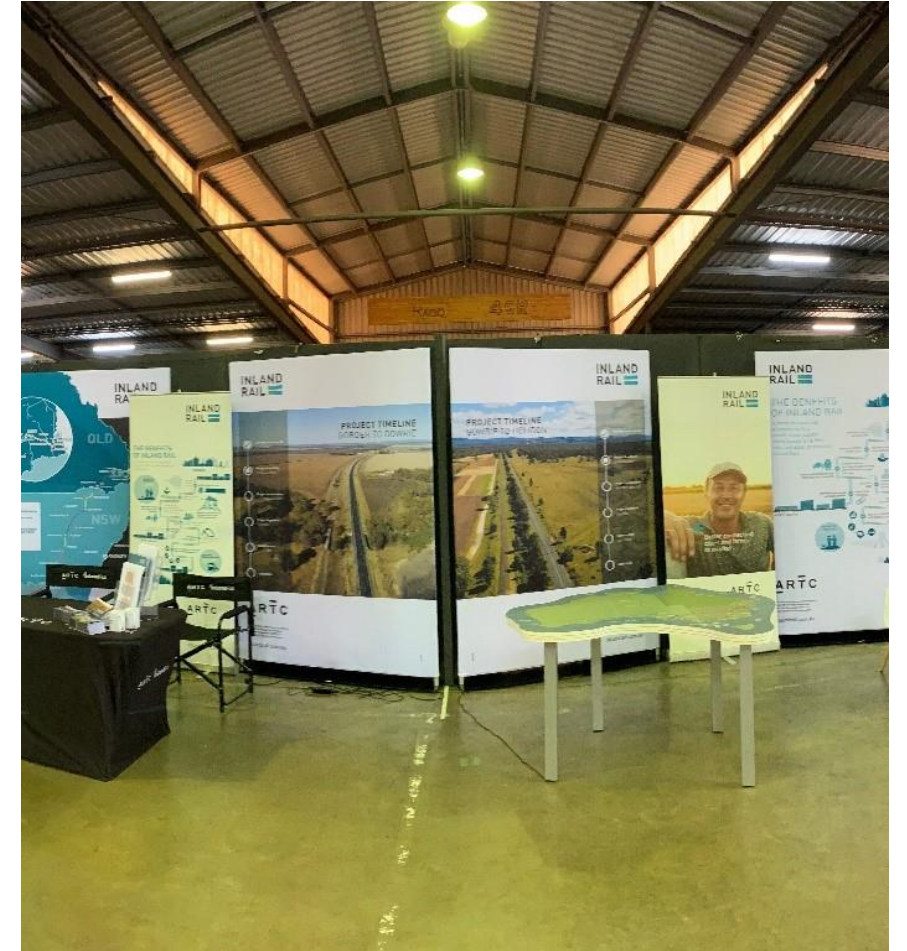
- Gold Sponsor, including Major Sponsor of 300mm Underhand World Title Woodchopping Event

Goondiwindi Show (28 – 29 April)

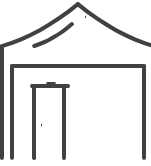
- Naming rights for Free Family Friday Sponsor

FarmFest (7 – 9 June)

- Details to be confirmed



DROP-IN SESSIONS BEFORE WE MEET AGAIN



Biddeston

- Biddeston Store, 22 March 2023

Pittsworth

- Woolworths, 5 April 2023

Pampas

- Ampol Service Station, 12 April 2023

Inglewood

- Bakehouse and Café, 19 April 2023

Millmerran

- IGA, 3 May 2023

Brookstead

- Brookstead Park, 24 May 2023



HOW TO FIND OUT WHERE WE'LL BE IN 2023

- Keep an eye out for our local print ads
- Visit our website or drop by our office in Toowoomba
- Email or phone one of our team – business cards on the table by the door



THE QUEENSLAND COORDINATOR-GENERAL



Mike Kaiser

Director-General and Coordinator-General

<https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/about-us/our-department/our-executive-leadership>

CCC TOUR INSIGHTS

Bill Armagnacq

Chair, Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee

CCC TOUR INSIGHTS



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SOCIAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Amy Stewart

Social Performance Principal, Inland Rail

SOCIAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

ARTC recognises its responsibility to deliver and operate Inland Rail with the least social impact possible, while enhancing the benefits Inland Rail will deliver to the people of Australia at both a local and national scale

1

**WORKFORCE
MANAGEMENT**

SOCIO-ECONOMIC OUTCOMES

2

**LOCAL AND
INDIGENOUS
INDUSTRY
PARTICIPATION**

3

**HOUSING AND
ACCOMMODATION**

**SOCIAL
PERFORMANCE**

4

**HEALTH AND
COMMUNITY
WELLBEING**

SOCIAL OUTCOMES

5

**COMMUNITY AND
STAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT**

SUPPLY OPPORTUNITIES ON INLAND RAIL



Provide full, fair and reasonable opportunity for capable and competitive Australian entities to participate in the procurement of goods, services and equipment.

Use local suppliers, skills and labour, where possible, and ensure environmental, social and economic considerations are embedded in our procurement process.

Responsibly deliver and operate Inland Rail with the least negative social impact possible, while enhancing the benefits Inland Rail delivers to the people of Australia at both a local and national level.

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Community Benefits

Narrabri to North Star Phase 1

September 2020
to November 2022

2007

PEOPLE

have since worked on the
project since September 2020



345

of whom are
Indigenous

668

LOCAL
RESIDENTS

have worked on the project

180

of whom are local
and Indigenous

1,558 people employed
for the 26 weeks or
over for a minimum
of 15 hours a week

SUSTAINABLE JOBS

156

TRADESPEOPLE
EMPLOYED



210

WOMEN EMPLOYED



136

local businesses
have supplied to
the project

12

Indigenous
businesses
Australia-wide

\$218.5M total spend
with local
businesses

\$18.5M total spend with
Indigenous businesses
Australia-wide

BE VISIBLE

- Prepare a business capability statement
- Attend industry events and briefings
- Make yourself known to Contractors
- Reach out to your existing clients
- Make connections
- Engage with local Chambers of Commerce and industry associations / professional bodies



ICN GATEWAY – YOUR CONNECT TO OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPLIERS
Find your next opportunity

- Create a profile for your business on our public directory
- Search across billions of dollars of projects & get 'Project Alert' notifications
- Get support from our experienced Industry Consultants
- Send unlimited expressions of interest

More for Suppliers

PROJECT OWNERS
Streamline Procurement

- We're the connection between major projects and the best suppliers in the region
- We find the best-fit suppliers for your project while you focus on your core activities
- Meet local procurement corporate responsibility demands
- Our consultants are here to support your team

More for Project Owners

What are you looking for?

Projects Suppliers ?

What kind of work or project?

State

Region

Search

- <https://gateway.icn.org.au>
- Project opportunities
- Create a new or update an existing company profile
- Set up notifications for new projects/opportunities
- Search for projects or supply opportunities
- Register interest in work packages

LOCAL BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Workforce Development Events

March, August and September 2022

- Supporting businesses to grow their workforce and raising awareness of available incentives and supports
- Locations: Goondiwindi, Toowoomba, Gatton, Ipswich, Beaudesert

Business Capability Workshops

September to November 2022

- Targeted business support to “Be Visible” to Inland Rail Delivery Partners
- Locations: Goondiwindi, Inglewood, Pittsworth, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Beaudesert (including dedicated First Nations business sessions)



Be Visible: Register your business

ONGOING SUPPORT

Sustainability capacity

- Free business sustainability webinars
- Free one-on-one mentoring support

Engagement with key industry groups and bodies

Support and attendance at key industry events

Pathway to Opportunities Program (2024 and beyond) to:

- help local businesses to learn what major project buyers and supply chains seek from suppliers
- develop the skills and capabilities to be competitive
- provide expert support (workshops & mentoring) to help businesses access new opportunities
- assist businesses map their own Pathway to Opportunities – focusing on multiple opportunities
- help local businesses build resilience and increase local content across a range of current and new opportunities and respond to national/international trends.

WHO CAN YOU SPEAK TO FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE

Queensland

- Business Queensland
<https://business.qld.gov.au>
- Goondiwindi Chamber of Commerce
<https://goondiwindichamber.com.au>
- Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce
<https://toowoombachamber.com.au>
- Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprises
<https://tsbe.com.au>
- WorkSafe QLD
<https://worksafe.qld.gov.au>

National

- Australian Government - <https://business.gov.au>
- Australian Industry Group - <https://aigroup.com.au>
- Regional Development Australia - <https://rda.gov.au>
- First Nations Businesses and Social Enterprises
- Indigenous Business Australia
<https://iba.gov.au>
- SEQ Indigenous Chamber of Commerce
<https://seqicc.com.au>
- Social Traders
www.socialtraders.com.au
- Supply Nation
<https://supplynation.org.au>

WHO WE'VE SPONSORED ALONG B2G IN 2022

History Pittsworth Group

Darling Downs Historical Railway Society Ltd

Goondiwindi & District Campdraft Association

Goondiwindi Bowls Club Inc

Goondiwindi Junior Rugby League

Goondiwindi Kindergarten

Inglewood Bowls Club

Inglewood Police Station

Inglewood Show Society

LifeFlight Foundation

Lions Club Millmerran inc

Millmerran State School P&C Assn

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**projects supported
By Inland Rail**



\$74,810

**Provided to
community groups**

Pittsworth and District Junior Rugby League Club

Pittsworth Leagues Club Inc

Queensland Country Women's Association

Southbrook Hall Association Inc

Southbrook Sports Club

The Child Writes Fund

Toowoomba Choral Society

Toowoomba Little Athletics

Toowoomba United RSL Sub Branch

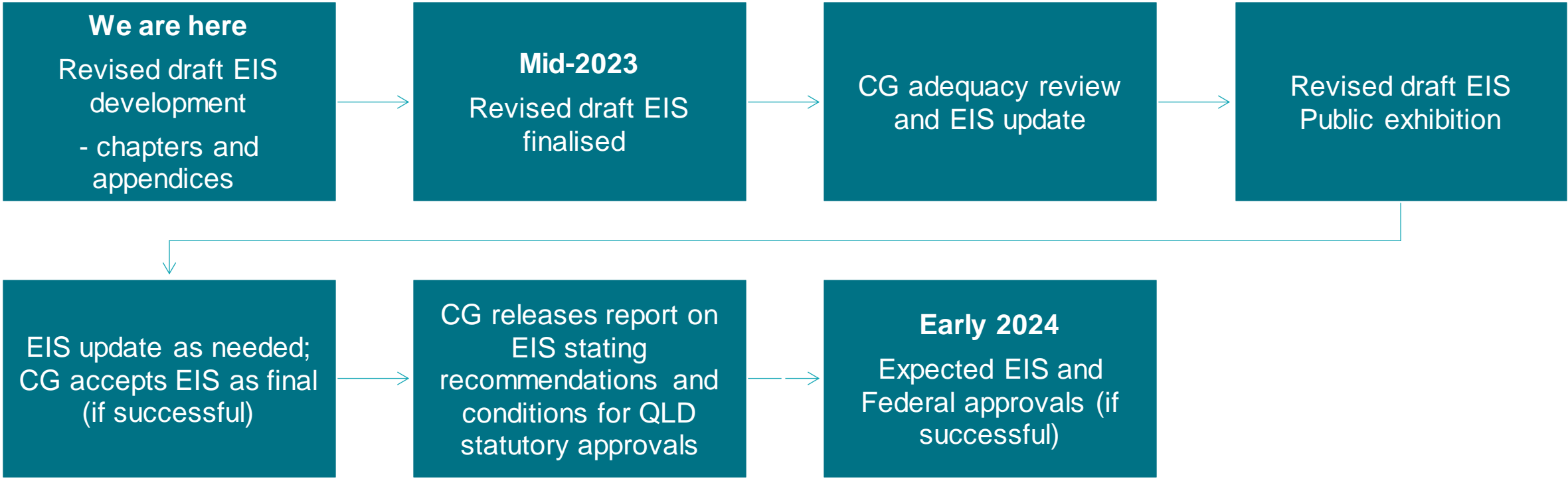
Toowoomba Valleys Rugby League Club Inc

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) UPDATE

Rob Smith

Senior Project Manager, ARTC Inland Rail

ANTICIPATED EIS AND APPROVAL TIMING



EIS UPDATE

- General status update
- Land resources
- Ecology
- Water resources



ECOLOGY UPDATE

- Ecology information session held in Pittsworth 18 January 2023
- Approximately 50 people attended the session
- Opportunity for community input and feedback: information sheets, mapping resources, technical specialists
- What was covered:
 - B2G EIS update - Phoebe Moore
 - B2G Ecology update - Dr Vanessa Gorecki
 - Draft fauna movement and connectivity strategy- Dr Rodney van der Ree
 - Draft Koala Management Plan - Dr David Dique
 - USQ koala research - Dr Ben Allen



BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS UPDATE

- Finalisation of Environmental Offset Delivery Plan
- First property purchased
- Canning Creek (2,800 ha)
- Ongoing negotiations with targeted properties



BHQ JV UPDATE

Warren Crowther

Program Manager, Bielby Hull QBirt (BHQ) Joint Venture (JV)

GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS / SURVEYS UPDATE

- Test pit, borehole geotechnical and survey crews have been working predominantly between Toowoomba and Pittsworth to date.
- Crews are currently continuing works between Millmerran and Inglewood.
- BHQ JV have established a base (including a mobile caravan) at 10 Saleyards Road, Millmerran to support the crews.



Yarranlea to Gowrie Junction (N3) *as at February 2023

GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS / SURVEYS UPDATE



Whetstone to Yarranlea (N4, N1, N2) *as at February 2023



SITE INVESTIGATIONS

ORIGINAL PLAN	CURRENT PLAN	CURRENT COMPLETE
<p>231 investigations (test pits and boreholes)</p> <p>50 landowners</p>	<p>155 investigations (test pits and boreholes)</p> <p>39 landowners</p>	<p>39 investigations (test pits and boreholes)</p> <p>22 landowners</p>
<p>335 survey investigation sites</p>	<p>315 survey investigations</p>	<p>126 survey investigations</p>

*Quantities noted for entire project.



WEED AND SEED / BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

- There are strategies and work practices in place to manage biosecurity and environmental obligations
- Inland Rail's Environment and Sustainability Policy outlines the projects commitment to practical sustainability measures
- BHQ JV manage weed and seed / biodiversity across the Project in line with these strategies and work practices / policies



Biosecurity

- ARTC's Biosecurity Management Strategy is continuously reviewed to ensure strategies are relevant and fit for purpose
- Many of the standard practices are already applied such as vehicle wash downs, minimising travel off road, and robust pest and weed hygiene practices

Pests and weeds

- ARTC's pest and weed hygiene management strategies align with state regulations
- Any work conducted on the Inland Rail project is in accordance with relevant legislation and any agreements with state / local governments and landowners



INLAND RAIL WEED AND SEED BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

Road reserves and private properties:

- Understanding landowner and relevant authority requirements are determined prior to accessing a road reserve / private property.
- Land Access Agreements (LAA's) are in place for landowners who agree to the team accessing their property.
- Access to private properties along the alignment is vital in order to understand the conditions and how best to design and construct the railway.



Weed hygiene:

- Weed hygiene practices are followed at all times.
- These include cleaning clothes, shoes, heavy machinery, vehicles, tools and wheeled loaders.
- Clean down procedures are in place to help remove weed seeds, soil and other foreign matter.
- Biosecurity requirements are also checked through state regulator websites.
- Third party certified companies may be contracted to clean vehicles and equipment where required.



WEED AND SEED MANAGEMENT PROCESS

1. Prior to works commencing, an initial desktop assessment to identify currently mapped flora, fauna, weeds and waterways is undertaken by an Environmental Scientist.
2. On site controls are determined to minimise environmental harm based on the location of the investigation works.
3. Implement BHQ JV's weed and seed procedure, which aims to avoid the spread of weeds by ensuring all machinery and vehicles are inspected and cleaned following completion of works on that property. This ensures all machinery and vehicles are clean prior to entering the next property.
4. Our process is based on the '**Come Clean, Go Clean**' process from the oil and coal seam gas industry.



GENERAL BUSINESS

QUESTIONS