

INLAND RAIL IN VICTORIA



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Inland Rail in Victoria includes works along the existing rail corridor near Seymour.

There is not enough clearance under the Seymour-Avenel Road bridge for double-stacked freight trains.

Our construction partner McConnell Dowell will replace the existing bridge with a higher bridge in the same location.

The design includes a 35 metre span bridge, about 3.2 metres higher than the existing structure and incorporates earth embankments sympathetic to the surrounding environment and retaining walls to reduce impact on Avenel Road.

Early Works

Prior to starting major construction, McConnell Dowell will undertake various site establishment activities in the vicinity of the Seymour-Avenel Road bridge, including installing site offices, establishing construction material laydown areas, removing some vegetation and relocating utilities.

A temporary road will also be constructed to allow continued access to Granville Drive during construction.

Construction

To minimise impacts on local communities wherever possible, McConnell Dowell has developed detailed management plans that define how construction impacts are effectively mitigated, monitored and managed.

Seymour-Avenel Road will be closed during the bridge replacement works and detours will be in place utilising Avenel Road from early 2024. Major construction works involve:

- demolition of the existing bridge
- piling (drilling) works to construct the new bridge foundations
- installing supporting abutments
- installing retaining wall structures
- construction of the new bridge deck.

Managing environmental impacts

Building a new bridge in the same location minimises impacts to vegetation. While some vegetation removal is unavoidable, McConnell Dowell will comply with plans to protect and preserve vegetation where possible, and avoid and minimise impacts to flora and fauna.

At Seymour-Avenel Road, 24 nesting boxes have been installed to provide homes to wildlife potentially affected by site activity. The boxes provide safety and shelter for many native birds, bats and marsupial species such as the crimson rosella, turquoise parrot, yellow-tailed black cockatoo, powerful owl, sugar glider and the phascogale.



Finishing touches

Once the new bridge is constructed, finishing works such as landscaping will be undertaken. It is anticipated this work will be completed in 2025.

Communication through construction

We are keeping local residents, businesses and other important stakeholders informed of progress during all works through:

- works notifications to impacted residents and businesses
- local newspaper advertising
- community drop-in sessions
- social media and information available on our website
- email updates to subscribers.

We are working hard with McConnell Dowell to minimise the impact of works on the community.

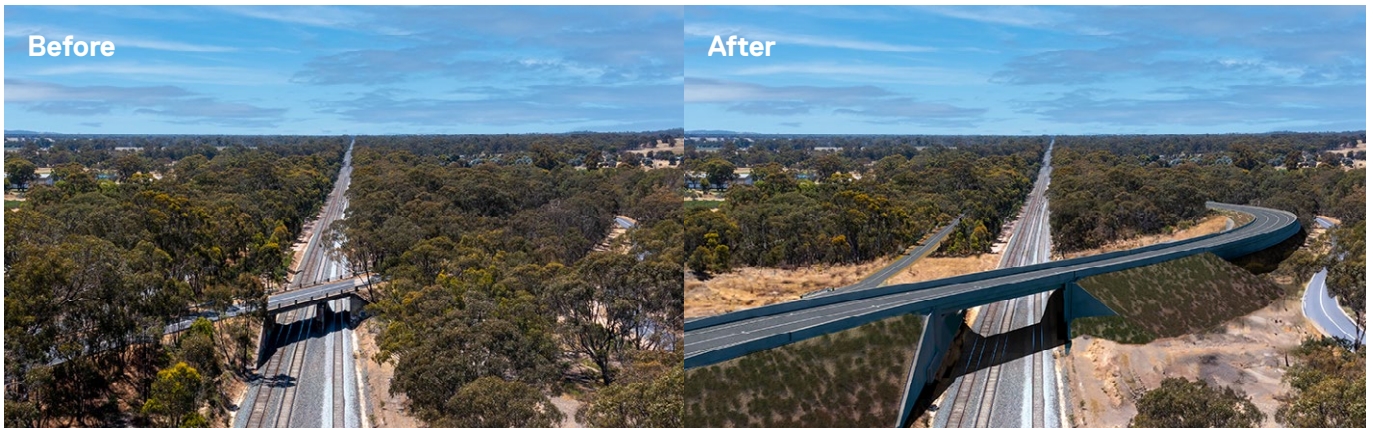
Working hours

Works will generally be undertaken during standard construction hours of 7am-6pm Monday to Friday and 7am-1pm Saturdays to minimise disruption to the community.

If works are required to be completed at night or weekends, those impacted will be notified in advance of these works.

More information

Stay up to date on project construction by scanning the QR code and signing up for regular email updates, or visit inlandrail.com.au/b2a



Existing Seymour-Avenel Road bridge, Seymour.

Visualisation of the new Seymour-Avenel Road bridge, Seymour.



The design of the new bridge will include removal of the middle pier.



Nesting boxes have been installed to provide shelter and protection to wildlife.

Want to know more?

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.