

EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION

INLAND RAIL - NARROMINE TO NARRABRI

Application No	SSI-9487
Location	Land between Narromine and Narrabri
Proponent	Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited
Council Area	Coonamble Shire, Gilgandra Shire, Narrabri Shire, Narromine Shire and Warrumbungle Shire
Approval Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Description of proposal

The construction and operation of approximately 306 kilometres of rail track and associated facilities in a new rail corridor between Narromine and Narrabri. The proposal includes:

- A new single track standard gauge railway with crossing loops;
- Bridges over rivers, watercourses, floodplains and roads;
- Level crossings and road realignments;
- New rail connections and possible future connections with existing rail lines;
- Ancillary infrastructure to support the operation of the proposal; and
- Ancillary work and facilities to support the construction of the proposal, including borrow pits, construction compounds and temporary workforce accommodation.

The Proponent has requested the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to declare the proposal as critical State Significant Infrastructure.

Exhibition Details

The State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) application, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and accompanying documents will be exhibited from **Tuesday 8 December 2020** until **Sunday 7 February 2021** and are accessible electronically on the Department's website (www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/on-exhibition).

At the time of publishing this advertisement, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has not directed that a public hearing should be held.

Controlled Action under *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment has decided that the project is a "controlled action" under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

The EPBC Act Part 3, Division 1 controlled provisions are Sections 18 and 18A (Listed threatened species and communities).

The project (2018/8259) will be assessed under Part 5, Division 5.2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The assessment will be in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement Amending Agreement No.1 between NSW and the Commonwealth, made under the EPBC Act. The assessment will be done in the manner specified in Schedule 1 of the Bilateral Agreement. The public notice for the project may be found at: www.environment.gov.au/epbc/public-notice.

Have your say

Anyone can make a written submission about the SSI application during the exhibition period from **Tuesday 8 December 2020** until **Sunday 7 February 2021**.

Web submissions: To make an online submission, please go to the Department's Major Projects website at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects. Search for this project under www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/on-exhibition. On the project's webpage, click 'Make a Submission'. You will be required to log in or create a user account. Follow the online instructions.

If you cannot lodge online, you can post your submission to the address below. If you want the Department to withhold your personal information before publication, please make this clear at the top of your cover letter and do not include personal details in your attached submission. If you post your submission, it needs to be received by the Department before the close of the exhibition period.

Your submission must include the following:

- Your name and address, at the top of the letter only;

- The name of the application and the application number;
- A statement on whether you 'support', 'object' to the proposal or are only making a comment;
- The reasons why you support or object to the proposal; and
- A declaration of any reportable political donations you made in the previous two years.

Privacy statement: Before making your submission, please read our Privacy Statement at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy or call the number below for a copy. The Department will publish your submission on its website in accordance with our Privacy Statement.

To find out what is reportable, and to access a disclosure form, go to www.planning.nsw.gov.au/DonationsandGiftDisclosure or telephone the number below for a copy. The disclosure requirements apply to both postal and online submissions.

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