



## EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION

### INLAND RAIL - NORTH STAR TO NSW/QUEENSLAND BORDER

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<b>Application No</b>	SSI-9371
<b>Location</b>	Land between North Star and NSW/QLD Border
<b>Proponent</b>	Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited
<b>Council Area</b>	Gwydir Shire and Moree Plains Shire
<b>Approval Authority</b>	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

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#### Description of proposal

The construction and operation of 30 kilometres of rail track and associated facilities between North Star and the NSW/Queensland Border. The proposal includes:

- A new rail track following the existing non-operational Boggabilla rail corridor for 25 kilometres towards Whalan Creek;
- Five kilometres of new rail track in a greenfield rail corridor to the NSW/QLD border;
- A crossing loop, new bridges and level crossing works;
- Establishment and use of off-site borrow sites for construction materials; and
- Ancillary infrastructure and associated earthworks, drainage and road works.

The Proponent has requested the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces declare the project as critical State significant infrastructure.

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#### Exhibition Details

The State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) application, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and accompanying documents will be exhibited from **Wednesday 26 August 2020** until **Tuesday 6 October 2020** and are accessible electronically on the Department's website

([www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/on-exhibition](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/on-exhibition)).

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

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Energy has decided that the Inland Rail - North Star to Qld Border proposal is a "controlled action" under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

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

The project (EPBC 2018/8222) 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 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](http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/public-notice)

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#### Have your say

Anyone can make a written submission about the SSI application during the exhibition period from **Wednesday 26 August 2020** until **Tuesday 6 October 2020**.

**Web submissions:** To make an online submission, please go to the Department's Major Projects website at [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects). Search for this project under [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/on-exhibition](http://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](http://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](http://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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