

EXHIBITION OF PREFERRED INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENDMENT REPORT

INLAND RAIL – NARROMINE TO NARRABRI

Application No	SSI-9487
Location	Land between Narromine to 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

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 Proponent, ARTC has submitted a combined Preferred Infrastructure Report and Amendment Report for the proposal. The report addresses the Planning Secretary's direction to the Proponent to prepare a Preferred Infrastructure Report. This report will provide further information on flooding and hydrology impacts and information on the design of the proposal and the alternate project routes considered. The report includes an Amendment Report which describes and assesses amendments made to the proposal by the Proponent since the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement, including:

- Relocation of the seven crossing loops to new locations to minimise overall impacts;
- Changes to public level crossing numbers, locations and treatments due to changes to crossing loop locations, updated traffic data and refinement of sight distances;
- Reduction in the number of public road and access tracks that would need to be closed, mainly as a result of the crossing loop relocations;
- Changes to public roads requiring realignment to minimise property impacts;
- Changes to the locations of the Narromine North and Baradine temporary workforce accommodation facilities based on consultation with key stakeholders. Mobile accommodation facilities are proposed within some of the general ancillary facilities for improved flexibility; and
- Adjustments to the construction and operational footprints to accommodate the above amendments and other proposed design refinements. In addition, drainage control areas have been added at a number of floodplain culverts to provide sufficient space outside the rail corridor to manage flood water flow velocities.

About the exhibition

An exhibition process allows any individual or organisation to have their say about a proposed development.

The combined Preferred Infrastructure and Amendment Report and accompanying documents for the abovementioned critical State significant infrastructure (CSSI) proposal are on exhibition from **Wednesday 31 August 2022** until **Thursday 22 September 2022**. You can view these documents online at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects.

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

Development in NSW can be subject to Commonwealth legislation, depending on the circumstances.

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



Department of Planning and Environment

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment has decided that the proposed development is a “controlled action” under the EPBC Act.

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

The proposed development will be assessed under Division 5.2, Part 5 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. This means the project will be assessed against the requirements of both acts.

You can view the public notice for the project at: www.environment.gov.au/epbc/public-notices

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Have your say

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- the name of the application and the application number
- a statement on whether you 'support' or 'object' to the proposal or if you are simply providing comment
- the reasons why you support or object to the proposal
- a declaration of any reportable political donations you have made in the last two years (visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/DonationsandGiftDisclosure or phone 1300 305 695 to find out more).

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