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## PROJECT FACT SHEET



## Narromine to Narrabri, NSW



### About the Inland Rail Programme

Inland Rail is the safe, sustainable solution to Australia's freight challenge and will transform the way we move freight around the country.

This planned new 1700km freight rail line will complete the spine of the national freight rail network, providing a road competitive service that will see freight delivered from Melbourne to Brisbane, via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, in less than 24 hours with reliability, pricing and availability that is equal to or better than road.

### How was the alignment selected?

We are using the most current endorsed corridor as the base case for our work on Inland Rail. This corridor was endorsed in 2015 by the Inland Rail Implementation Group, which was established by the Australian Government with representatives from the Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria Governments. Past studies have considered an exhaustive range of alternatives to develop the optimum alignment for Inland Rail.

This alignment uses approximately 1200km of existing rail corridors and 500km of new corridors where we need to build new track. As almost 70 per cent of the alignment uses existing rail corridor, we are taking advantage of earlier investments in the national rail freight network and minimising the impacts to the environment and community.

### Narromine to Narrabri Project

This project is a new rail corridor that will connect Narromine to Narrabri in New South Wales. It is the longest and most significant 'greenfield' project within Inland Rail.

Preliminary investigations have occurred on a 2km wide study area based on the current Inland Rail study area. This proposed route is approximately 307km in length.

Feedback from the community and stakeholders has provided our team with the opportunity to consider a number of alternative alignment options including using existing rail corridor towards Coonamble, an alignment option via the Pilliga State Forest and an option from Narromine to Curban. The work we undertake in this project phase will help identify a preferred alignment.

### What has happened so far?

As part of our activities to date we have undertaken preliminary field studies within a 2km wide study area and spent time with local landowners along this proposed route.

Some of the work we have completed so far includes:

- ▶ Working together with Councils to better understand issues such as flooding, roads and traffic patterns
- ▶ Conducting preliminary flood studies
- ▶ Meeting with landowners and other stakeholders including local farmers, potential suppliers, and industry to get a better understanding of local opportunities, impacts and conditions
- ▶ Conducting project information sessions with the community and stakeholders
- ▶ Completing field studies such as ecology, hydrology and geotechnical studies.

Together the feedback we receive from your community and our studies will support us to confirm a preferred alignment for the location of the rail corridor between Narromine and Narrabri.



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### What will happen next?

Currently the Narromine to Narrabri project is in the Concept Assessment phase. During this phase we are completing a series of preliminary field studies and concept design and will continue our community engagement. We will complete this work on the current Inland Rail study area as well as the alternate alignment options.



Before progressing to the next phase, we will identify a preferred option for the rail corridor between Narromine and Narrabri.

Once a preferred option is identified we will provide an opportunity for the community and stakeholders to hear about how this decision was reached and notify impacted landowners.

### Inland Rail projects

Inland Rail is a large and complex programme; therefore we have broken it into 13 separate projects to be delivered over the next 10 years.



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### Community consultation

We will continue to work closely with landowners in the local region as well as key stakeholders such as Councils and peak bodies.

We encourage you to be involved in the process and invite you to contact the project team for more information and to provide feedback at any time.

You can have your say by phone, email, post, in-person at one of our information sessions or via the Inland Rail website (see contact details below).

### More information

Our community engagement team is here to focus on issues for your local region. Please contact Inland Rail to get in touch with a member of the team or for more information on the Narromine to Narrabri project:

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