ARTC is committed to ensuring local and regional communities benefit from the construction and operation of Inland Rail. To achieve this, ARTC is implementing a social performance program focusing on employment, industry participation, community health and wellbeing, housing and accommodation, and stakeholder and community engagement. This snapshot represents the data collected from December 2018 to September 2019, showing a demonstrable positive impact on the Parkes to Narromine region.

P2N PROJECT TIMELINE

**CONCEPT ASSESSMENT** 2016
**PROJECT FEASIBILITY** 2017
**PROJECT ASSESSMENT 2017–2018**
**PROJECT APPROVAL** 2018
**CONSTRUCTION 2018–2020**
**OPERATION**

*Timeframes are indicative and are subject to change*

**898**

People have worked on the project since December 2018

136 of whom are Indigenous

**373**

Local residents have worked on the project

88 of whom are local and Indigenous

**118**

Sustainable jobs employed for 26 weeks or over for a minimum of 15 hours a week

**101**

Tradespeople

**44**

Women are working

**79**

Local businesses have supplied to the project

**9**

Indigenous businesses

**$41.2M**

Total spend with local businesses

**$5.3M**

Total spend with Indigenous businesses

The Parkes to Narromine Project (P2N) is the first Inland Rail project to commence construction. The project involves the upgrade of 98km of existing rail track, with an additional 5km of new track to be built near Parkes to provide a better connection to the existing East – West Interstate line. The construction contractor INLink (a joint venture between BMD Constructions and Fulton Hogan) has established offices in Parkes and Peak Hill.

In this report, the term ‘local’ refers to residents and businesses in the local government areas of Narromine Shire, Parkes Shire, Dubbo Regional Shire, Forbes Shire and Orange City Council. The workforce numbers represent all individuals who have worked on the project during the period, including subcontractors of INLink. Spend with local and Indigenous business is total spend since the inception of the construction project. All numbers are current as at the end of September 2019.