The first new rail was installed on Inland Rail, in Parkes, NSW. This is an important milestone for the program – find out what’s happening in your community.

**KEY MILESTONE: RAIL INSTALLATION**

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The Australian-made rail comes from Whyalla in South Australia, manufactured for Inland Rail by Liberty OneSteel, using Australian steel. Each piece of rail weighs 60kg/m, is 165m in length and is prepared to accommodate the double-stacked trains that will run on Inland Rail when the program is completed.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Construction is well underway between Parkes and Narromine (P2N) – bringing up to 300 workers on site each day.

The figure below shows what the crew has been up to on each section of the alignment.

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### NORTH WEST CONNECTION

- Upgrading level crossings
- Installing culverts
- Turnouts completed
- Installing rail
- Signalling

### PARKES TO GOONUMBLA

- Rail remains operational

### GOONUMBLA TO MICKIBRI

- Upgrading level crossings
- Installing culverts
- Earthworks for rail formation
- Rail formation
- Laying rail (from August 2019)

### MICKIBRI TO PEAK HILL

- Upgrading level crossings
- Installing culverts
- Earthworks for rail formation
- Construct crossing loop
- Demolition works

### PEAK HILL TO TOMINGLEY WEST

- Upgrading level crossings
- Installing culverts
- Earthworks for rail formation
- Demolish drainage structures
- Ballast and ash removal

### TOMINGLEY WEST TO NARROMINE

- Transport recovered materials offsite
- Ballast and ash removal
- Demolish drainage structures
- Service/utility investigations

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*New rail being laid on the North West Connection in Parkes, NSW*
WANT TO KNOW MORE?

ARTC is committed to working with landowners, communities, state and local governments as a vital part of our planning and consultation work, and we value your input. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

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SEPTEMBER FORUM

Throughout construction, we’ll be holding quarterly community forums to keep you informed. These forums are a good opportunity to find out more about our work, ask questions and provide any feedback. Join us at our September forums to meet the project team and ask questions following a presentation.

PARKES COMMUNITY FORUM

Date and time: Wednesday 25 September 2019
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
Location: ARTC Community and Working Hub
290 Clarinda St, Parkes NSW

PEAK HILL COMMUNITY FORUM

Date and time: Thursday 26 September 2019
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
Location: Peak Hill RSL
57/61 Caswell St, Peak Hill NSW

P2N E-NEWSLETTER

In May, we launched our first monthly e-newsletter as a way to keep you up to date about the project between our hardcopy newsletters. To receive these updates, register on our website or email inlandrailnsw@artc.com.au with your email address.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you live or work in the Parkes to Narromine area, we will keep you informed about upcoming works that may impact you. Information about our work, traffic changes and road closures will be available on our website inlandrail.com.au/p2n

The work on Inland Rail between Parkes and Narromine is expected to be completed by mid-2020.

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