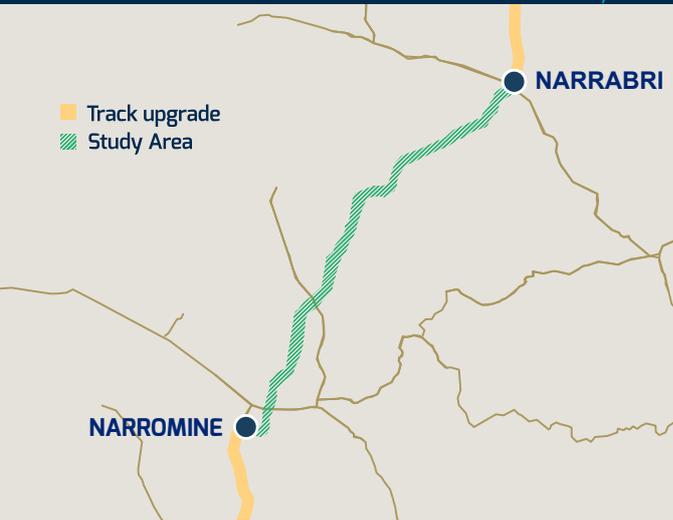


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## Narromine to Narrabri, NSW



### About the Narromine to Narrabri Project

The Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) project is a new freight rail corridor that will connect Narromine to Narrabri in New South Wales. It is approximately 300km of new track and is the longest project within Inland Rail.

The study area, generally 2km wide and up to 5km wide in some areas, has been finalised following field studies and complementary investigations. This is the area within which ARTC will undertake further engineering design and environmental investigations to determine where in the study area the 40 – 60 metre wide rail corridor will go.

The ARTC *Narromine to Narrabri Options Report* provides detailed information on the process by which the study area was chosen together with the factors taken into consideration. The report and other information can be viewed on the Inland Rail website at [www.inlandrail.com.au/N2N](http://www.inlandrail.com.au/N2N)

**Top image:**

Freight train on Walgett Branch rail, west of Narrabri

### About Inland Rail

Inland Rail is a once-in-a-generation project connecting regional Australia to domestic and international markets, transforming the way we move freight around the country. It will complete the 'spine' of the national freight network between Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. This new 1,700km line is the largest freight rail infrastructure project in Australia. It will connect our farms, mines, cities and ports to global markets and will support Australia's four richest farming regions; provide supply chain benefits and substantial cost savings for producers.



### Neighbouring projects

The N2N project connects to the Parkes to Narromine (P2N) project in the south and the Narrabri to North Star (N2NS) project in the north.

These projects are different in type and timing to the N2N project.

N2N will establish a new rail corridor and tracks, while N2NS and P2N are an upgrade of an existing rail corridor.

### Inland Rail projects

Inland Rail has been divided into 13 projects to deliver the 1,700km rail line by 2024/25. N2N project is a new rail corridor and is one of seven projects in NSW.



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#### What has been happening?

ARTC commenced consultation with landowners within the final study area in mid-February. With close to 300 property owners to meet, we will continue meetings throughout the coming months and are anticipating to be completed by mid-2018. Consultation commenced in Narromine and has now progressed to Narrabri. The purpose of these meetings has been to:

- ▶ Outline next steps in the process to determine the rail corridor and timing
- ▶ Explain the investigations and access required for the field investigations for the design and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

- ▶ Discuss and identify with landowners potential property and business impacts for consideration during the design and determining where the rail corridor will be located.

At the same time ARTC has been evaluating tenders for the feasibility phase of the project. This phase involves identifying the rail corridor within the approved study area and developing the feasibility design, and preparing the EIS to obtain the necessary approvals to construct. It is expected that the Contract for the next phase will be awarded mid May 2018. We expect to see consultants on the ground undertaking field work in July 2018.



\* Timeframes are indicative and are subject to change

#### Next steps

The Narromine to Narrabri project is now in the Project Feasibility phase. During this phase, ARTC will undertake detailed field investigations in the study area. The investigations are scheduled to commence in late July and will include:

- ▶ geotechnical surveys – to check ground conditions
- ▶ ecological surveys – to identify habitats and/or species that exist in the area
- ▶ cultural heritage surveys – investigations for any evidence of Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal artefacts/heritage
- ▶ utility identification surveys – to identify infrastructure water pipelines and communication and electrical cables
- ▶ noise, air quality and vibration surveys – to measure background noise, air quality and vibration levels.

The investigations will help us determine where in the study area the rail corridor will go.

The results from these assessments will be used for the preparation of an EIS. The EIS assesses the environmental, social and economic impacts associated with the construction and operation of the N2N section of Inland Rail and recommends measures to minimise and manage potential impacts.



#### Want to know more?

ARTC is committed to working with communities and landowners, 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 about the N2N project please let us know.

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