**PROJECT STATUS**

The NSW/QLD Border to Gowrie (B2G) project is nearing completion of the reference design development phase.

During this phase, we have carried out field investigations and consulted widely with the community and stakeholders. The information and feedback that we collected has assisted us to complete a proposed reference design for the project.

This reference design includes details such as the rail alignment, public road and rail crossings, and the project footprint. These elements are shown in the map in the centre of this newsletter and you can also view an interactive version of the map on the B2G project webpage [maps.inlandrail.com.au/b2g/#/](maps.inlandrail.com.au/b2g/#/)

In developing the reference design, we have considered the technical viability, safety, operational restrictions, constructability, environment, and community and property impacts.

Reference design development has been based on the outcomes of engineering, environmental and social investigations.

The project reference design may be updated as a result of further field investigations, government approvals or during the detailed design phase.

Pending project approval from the Australian and Queensland governments, the detailed design phase will be carried out by the contractor appointed to design and construct the project.

We will continue to seek community feedback on the project’s reference design and will keep you informed of any changes.

**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK OUTCOMES**

Community feedback has been instrumental in shaping the reference design of the B2G project. Key outcomes have included:

- changes to local road design to better meet the needs of the local community
- extending some bridges to improve connectivity for private properties
- extending some bridges to mitigate flooding impacts on private properties
- adjustments to the proposed alignment to reduce property impacts.

We are developing local area fact sheets, which provide more detail about the design development in each specific locality.

As we progress with the development of the reference design and EIS, we will continue to respond to feedback from the community.
## PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Below is a list of the status of the environmental and technical investigations being completed to inform the development of the project reference design and EIS.

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<td>▶ Aquatic ecology fieldwork is ongoing to capture seasonal variations.</td>
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<td>▶ Groundwater and surface water sampling in local and regional catchments is ongoing.</td>
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<td>▶ The proposed Condamine floodplain crossing solution has been developed and is available on the Inland Rail website.</td>
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<td>Noise and vibration</td>
<td>▶ Noise and vibration baseline monitoring was completed in December 2018. Monitoring locations were selected along the proposed alignment to capture representative background noise levels.</td>
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<td>▶ The noise model for construction and operation has been developed and assessments are underway.</td>
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<td>Air</td>
<td>▶ The air quality model has been developed. Assessments are underway.</td>
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<td>Hazards, health and safety</td>
<td>▶ Assessment of the health, safety and environmental hazards and risks associated with the project throughout the design, construction and operational phases is ongoing.</td>
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<td>▶ Field investigations have been completed and modelling of the potential impacts is ongoing.</td>
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<td>▶ Geotechnical investigations and subsurface sampling, testing and analysis are ongoing.</td>
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<td>Social</td>
<td>▶ Development of the social baseline (information about local communities) is underway.</td>
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<td>▶ A community survey was conducted in December 2018 and workshops with councils, government departments and community groups were held in February and May 2019 to gather feedback to further understand social impacts.</td>
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<td>Cultural heritage – indigenous and non-indigenous</td>
<td>▶ Targeted surveys focusing on previously un-surveyed areas and areas of cultural significance will be carried out over the coming months. Non-indigenous field investigations have been completed.</td>
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The proposed Condobolin Floodplain Crossing solution remains within the existing rail corridor, and now comprises:

- bridges
- road bridge length
- approximately 550 crossing 190m (L-R = 2.1m diameter).

Assessment of the proposed Condobolin Floodplain Crossing has included a stage 1 floodplain model and floodplain cross-sections. The solution is designed to change flood behaviour at 23 private properties that already have experienced some degree of flooding. This includes areas on peak water levels of 1.5-10m above floodplain. We are continuing to work with landowners to develop mitigation strategies to minimise any further changes to flood behaviour. For information about the proposed Condobolin Floodplain Crossing design visit inlandrail.com.au/loi.

WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

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**Road Rail Crossings**

The Level Crossing Action Plan, which is a key component in addressing public road rail crossings, has been developed in consultation with the community. The plan includes the assessment and design of new level crossings and the retirement of existing crossings.

**Crossing loops**

Loop design on the Inland Rail will include a single track railway between Warwick and Brookstead. Crossing loops are required to allow trains to cross road intersections and to protect the local road network.

The community has been consulted on the location of the crossing loops, which has been determined through community feedback, the need to provide the required infrastructure and to maintain safe road rail crossings nearby and connectivity can also be maintained.

**Floodplain Crossing**

Since seeking environmental assessments for the proposed Condobolin Floodplain Crossing in 2018, ARTC has continued consultation with landowners and stakeholders to develop the final reference design of the crossing solution.

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<td>Millmerran Cultural Centre</td>
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<td>Saturday 26 October</td>
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<td>Brookstead Hall</td>
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<td>1:00–4.00pm</td>
<td>Pittsworth Town Hall</td>
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<td>Monday 28 October</td>
<td>9.00am–12.00pm</td>
<td>Inland Rail Toowoomba office</td>
<td>65 Neil Street, Toowoomba</td>
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<td>Goondiwindi Gateway to Training</td>
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HAVE YOUR SAY

We are seeking community feedback on the project, proposed alignment and public road crossings.

Have your say by posting a comment on our interactive map maps.inlandrail.com.au/b2g#/ or attend a community information session during October 2019. Our team will be available at these sessions to provide more details about the project and design development.

Using our interactive map is easy and you can comment anonymously. Click the “About” icon located in the top left-hand corner for tips on how to search the map and leave comments.

HOW IS YOUR FEEDBACK USED?

We gather information provided during engagement sessions, landowner meetings and stakeholder interactions and provide it to the technical design and environmental assessment teams. This informs the development of the reference design and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUPPORT SERVICES

We acknowledge that the uncertainty for landowners and communities while we plan the B2G section of Inland Rail can be stressful.

Please call 1300 971 309 to speak to a local, independent service, and access support either face-to-face or on the telephone. This service is confidential, free of charge, available 24/7, and will put you in contact with the right organisation in your community to best help you.

SIGN UP TO OUR E-NEWS UPDATES

If you would like to receive regular updates about B2G, please email us at inlandrailqld@artc.com.au and include B2G e-news in the subject line. Alternatively you can visit our website to register: inlandrail.com.au/register or phone 1800 732 761.

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 about this fact sheet, please let us know.

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Legend:
- Proposed Alignment

Example of level crossing.
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Example of rail over road.