

PUBLIC NOTICE – INVITATION TO COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED ON (EPBC 2020/8721) ENVIRONMENT REPORT INLAND RAIL TOTTENHAM TO ALBURY PROJECT, VICTORIA

COMMENT PERIOD: 01/11/2021 TO 28/11/2021

Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) is the proponent of the proposed Inland Rail – Tottenham to Albury Project. Stage 1 of the Project consists of 12 discrete project areas (referred to as 'enhancement sites') from Beveridge to Albury, which involves modifications to road and rail interfaces to provide the required vertical clearance for double-stacked freight trains.

The Project also includes track slews and works at signal gantries and overhead powerlines.

The Project works include a combination of track lowering under bridges, realigning the track, and replacing bridges.

The project (EPBC 2020/8721) requires assessment under the Victorian *Environment Effects Act 1978* (EE Act) via an Environment Report. The project is also a 'controlled action' requiring assessment and approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) due to likely significant impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) protected under section 18 and 18A of the EPBC Act.

Assessment of the Project's impacts on MNES are being undertaken via the accredited state assessment environment report process as set out in Schedule 1 (item 2.1(e) of the Bilateral (Assessment) Agreement between the Commonwealth and Victorian governments.

As such, the Environment Report has been prepared to examine potential impacts on state biodiversity matters, to satisfy the requirements set out by the Minister for Planning under the EE Act for MNES to address the Commonwealth requirements.

The Environment Report and relevant supporting documentation can be viewed at inlandrail.com.au/T2A-status from **1 November 2021** to **28 November 2021**.

Feedback, which needs to be received by **28 November 2021**, can be made to DELWP. Contact ARTC to request a USB copy of the report by **Monday 8 November, 2021**.

SUBMIT YOUR FEEDBACK TO DELWP

Email environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au

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