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Frequently asked questions

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Grade separating road interfaces

What's happening?

Transport for NSW is currently in the planning stages to grade separate road and rail interfaces at four priority locations. The project will investigate options and construct bridges, underpasses or side tracks where the Inland Rail crosses the NSW road network to improve road safety and freight efficiency.

The locations where the Inland Rail line will intersect with the NSW road network have been evaluated based on the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model. The highest priority locations have progressed through to development. These are:

1. Olympic Highway at Harris Gates (existing crossing)
2. Newell Highway at Tichborne (existing crossing)
3. Castlereagh Highway at Curban (new crossing)
4. Tomingley Road at Narromine (new crossing)

What is a grade separation?

Grade separation is a method of aligning two or more different types of transport infrastructure at different levels in order to prevent delays and the possibility of collisions.

An example is a road bridge over a railway line instead of a level crossing.

Who is delivering these works?

These grade separations will be delivered by Transport for NSW. They are a separate project to the Inland Rail construction, which is being delivered by Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC).

Why are they needed?

Once Inland Rail is operational, the frequency, speed and length of freight trains along the line will increase with up to 40 double stacked train movements a day by 2040 leading to traffic delays of up to 4.5 minutes each train and the increased possibility of accidents. There will also be a number of new locations where the Inland Rail line will meet the NSW road network.

This project will investigate options to ensure the Inland Rail network crosses the NSW road network safely and efficiently at the four priority locations.



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Is there funding for this project?

The Australian Government has committed \$150 million and the NSW Government has committed \$37.5 million to support the planning of all four sites and construction of a number of sites based on funding and other constraints.

When will work start?

Early planning work is already under way. This means that we are scoping different options for each location.

Transport for NSW is fast-tracking the program and hopes to progress quickly through all stages of planning. Based on the outcomes of this phase, a number of sites will progress to construction. Construction dates will be announced once planning has progressed further.

What impact will there be on nearby properties?

At this stage there is minimal impact on nearby properties. We may request access to enter private property to help with survey work and environmental inspections.

Ongoing consultation will be held with the community and potentially affected property owners throughout the project.

Who can I contact for more information?

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