

# Consortium chosen to deliver major part of Australia's Inland Rail project

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The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) has picked the consortium that will deliver a major leg of the Inland Rail project.

Regionerate Rail, a consortium comprising Clough, GS Engineering and Construction, Webuild (formerly Salini Impregilo), Service Stream and Plenary Group, has been chosen for the section spanning Gowrie (near Toowoomba) and Kagaru (near Beaudesert).

Inland Rail is a public-private initiative designed to dramatically improve how freight crosses Australia.

The section Regionerate Rail will be responsible for will be approximately 128km of new and upgraded rail track through the most geographically challenging section of the 1700km rail line from Brisbane to Melbourne, and it includes a 6.2km tunnel through the Great Dividing Range – the largest diameter freight tunnel in the southern hemisphere.

ARTC Inland Rail interim chief executive Rebecca Pickering said the decision to select Regionerate Rail followed a two-year process with the best of international expertise competing to be part of the project.

"This landmark agreement is huge for Inland Rail and puts billions of dollars in stimulus, jobs and long-term economic growth on the table for Queensland – through construction, Inland Rail is expected to support more than 11,800 jobs and deliver a \$7.8 billion boost to the state's economy during construction and over the forward operations," she said.

"This is an important step. Regionerate Rail have been able to leverage their own considerable engineering expertise to produce truly innovative design and construction methods for this technically challenging project.

"I am looking forward to seeing their solution become a reality. This project is a game-changer for the way we will deliver freight around the nation and during the past two years we have been reminded time and time again how important our future supply chains are."

Pickering said ARTC and Regionerate Rail are committed to maximising employment and business opportunities through the project, which goes through the local government areas of Toowoomba, the Lockyer Valley, Ipswich and the Scenic Rim.