The NSW Government is replacing the ageing NSW regional rail fleet, including 60 XPTs and more than 50 XPLORE and Endeavour passenger cars. The new fleet will improve safety, comfort and reliability for rail customers. To service the new fleet, Transport for NSW proposed the construction of a new, purpose-built maintenance facility in Dubbo, which will deliver economic growth and new jobs in regional NSW.

After considering the assessment in the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and submissions from the community and stakeholders, Transport for NSW has approved the proposal for the Dubbo Maintenance Facility.

Community feedback
To make sure that the REF identified all potential project impacts and how best to minimise them, we asked for feedback from the Dubbo community and other stakeholders.
This stage was an essential requirement for the project’s approval.
During the public display of the REF, we received 15 submissions from the community.

The most common factors raised were:
• **environmental** concerns such as noise and vibration, contamination, dust and air quality, and flooding and groundwater
• **traffic** issues such as the local road network and heavy vehicles
• **design** features and alternative site locations
• **property** concerns including access
• **consultation** with community and stakeholders.

For more information about the Dubbo Maintenance Facility, please call 1800 684 490
Email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/regional-rail
**Community consultation**

Transport for NSW is committed to minimising the impacts on the community during the construction and operation of the maintenance facility.

Impacted residents and businesses will receive regular project updates and notifications in advance of any:

- upcoming works
- changes to pedestrian or traffic access
- out-of-hours construction activity.

In addition to the project email address and Infoline, a 24-hour complaints line will operate throughout construction.

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**Determination Report**

A summary of the issues raised by the community and Transport for NSW’s response is provided in the Determination Report.


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**Next steps**

The contract for the Regional Rail Fleet Project, which includes the financing, construction and operation of the Dubbo Maintenance Facility, is expected to be awarded in early 2019.

The successful contractor will then develop a detailed design for the maintenance facility.

As part of this work, the contractor is required to develop environmental management and other associated plans relating to matters such as noise and vibration and traffic impacts.

In these plans, they must demonstrate how they will meet the environmental requirements outlined in the REF and the project’s Conditions of Approval – which are provided in the Determination Report.

Transport for NSW will oversee the contractor’s compliance with these plans.

To prepare these plans, the contractor is required to consult with impacted community members who were identified as part of the environmental review and other stakeholders.

Detailed design and construction is expected to start in early 2019 and take around 30 months to complete.

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**The planning process**

Transport for NSW develops initial concept design options for the project including identification and consideration of environmental constraints, risks and opportunities.

Transport for NSW prepares a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for public display and invites submissions.

Transport for NSW assesses and responds to feedback and prepares a submissions report/determination report with proposed conditions to minimise environmental impacts.

Transport for NSW determines the Proposal. The Determination Report is available on Transport for NSW’s website.

Construction commences subject to compliance with conditions.

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