

Tarago Land Management Project

Online information session - summary report

August 2024



Transport for NSW (Transport) held an online community information session on 10 April 2024 to update the community on remediation planning for Tarago. The community was also invited to provide feedback on the Tarago Rail Corridor Remediation Options Assessment (ROA).

At the online event, Transport presented the preferred Remediation Option for Tarago Rail Corridor, which is to remove the contaminated waste from Tarago and take it to the containment cell at Lake George Legacy Mine in Captains Flat. This option will cost approximately \$2.3 million dollars in total to deliver.

If this preferred option cannot proceed, Transport's second preferred option is off-site disposal at a suitably licenced waste facility. This option would be delivered at an additional cost of around \$3.9 million dollars (approximately \$6.2 million dollars in total).



The Tarago Rail Corridor Remediation Options Assessment (ROA) was on public exhibition between **10 April** and **7 May 2024**. The event agenda, questions asked at the event and next steps for the project are summarised on the pages that follow.

Online community information session information session

- There were 9 registrations in total. A total of three attendees joined the call. However, the attendees present did not turn their cameras on, so there may have been other residents with them.
- Attendees were offered multiple opportunities to ask questions at the event, no questions were received.
- Prior to the event, the community was invited to direct any questions about the project to landassessment@transport.nsw.gov.au in advance of the meeting. No questions were received.

Event agenda –10 April 2024

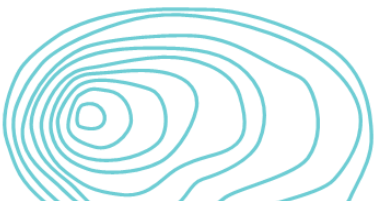
The meeting agenda is outlined below. The [presentation slides](#) are available on Transport’s website.

Item	Time
Tarago Rail Corridor ROA information with an overview of the process undertaken	5 mins
Preferred ROA option and next steps for implementation	5 mins
Stockpile update	5 mins
Tarago air and water monitoring update	5 mins
Tarago former Station Masters Cottage historical interpretation and consultation	5 mins
Overview of works to occur in 2024 - 2025	3 mins
How to give feedback on the Tarago Rail Corridor ROA	2 mins
Q&A with audience	50 mins

Promotion of online community information session

The online event was promoted via the following channels.

- Direct emails:
 - Emails to community subscriber database
 - Email to Goulburn Mulwaree Council
 - Email to State Member for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman MP
 - Email to The Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP (Minister Regional Transport and Roads)
- Targeted paid Facebook promotion to Tarago and surrounding region for the online event between 2 and 9 April:
 - Reach: 101,150
 - Engagements: 5
 - Clicks to registration page: 189.



Community consultation

Transport invited feedback from the community on the preferred option for the Tarago Rail Corridor Remediation Options Assessment.

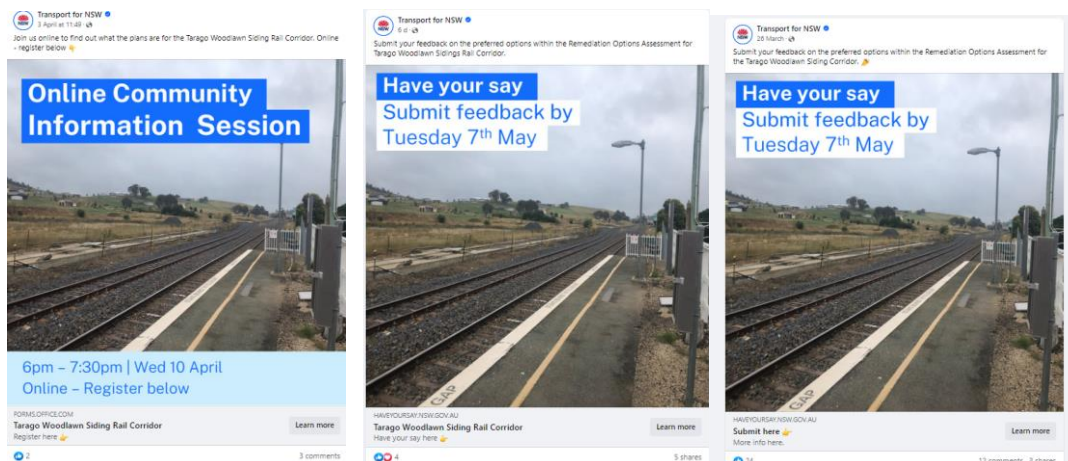
The findings from the consultation can be found at the bottom of this report in *Appendix One: Tarago Rail Corridor ROA public exhibition feedback summary*. The Tarago Rail Corridor ROA was open to the public for feedback for 28 days from 10 April to 7 May 2024.

Feedback was submitted via landassessment@transport.nsw.gov.au or online via <http://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/tarago-rail-corridor>.

Promotion of public exhibition

The online event and public exhibition were promoted via the following channels.

- Direct emails
 - Emails to community subscriber database
 - Email to Goulburn-Mulwaree Council
 - Email to State Member for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman MP
 - Email to The Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP (Minister Regional Transport and Roads)
- Targeted paid Facebook promotion of Tarago Rail Corridor ROA public exhibition between 17 and 24 April 2024
 - Reach: 94,509
 - Engagement: 10
 - Clicks to Have Your Say page: 226
- Targeted paid Facebook promotion of Tarago Rail Corridor ROA public exhibition between 30 April and 7 May 2024
 - Reach: 12,298
 - Engagement: 3
 - Clicks to Have Your Say page: 28
- Inclusion in Tarago Times May 2024 publication.



Next steps for Tarago Remediation Planning

The following works are planned to progress the remediation of Tarago Rail Corridor and Former Station Masters Cottage (FSMC). Timeframes may be subject to change, depending on weather and planning approvals.

Deliverable	Due date
Approval of the preferred option including Interim Audit Advice (IAA)	Completed
Finalise Remediation Action Plan (RAP) and RAP Interim Audit Advice (IAA)	Completed
Finalise the Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) for the Woodlawn Siding Rail Corridor and approvals	November 2024
Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the Woodlawn Siding Rail Corridor completed Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the FSMC completed	November 2024
Public exhibition of REF for the Woodlawn Siding Rail Corridor Public exhibition of the demolition REF for the FSMC	November 2024 (dates TBC)
Approval of REF for the Woodlawn Siding Rail Corridor Approval of demolition REF for the FSMC	February 2025
Cottage demolition works	First quarter of 2025 – dates TBC
Public exhibition of REF for the Stockpile	February 2025
Detailed design and engineering will be finalised	March 2025
Removal of the Stockpile	June 2025
Remediation of the Woodlawn Siding Rail Corridor	October - December 2025

Appendix One: Tarago Rail Corridor ROA public exhibition feedback summary

Transport for NSW (Transport) hosted an online information session for the Tarago community on the 10 April 2024.

At the event, Transport invited feedback on the Tarago Rail Corridor Remediation Options Assessment (ROA) and announced Transport's preferred option of taking the contaminated waste from Tarago Rail Corridor to the containment cell at Lake George Legacy Mine in Captains Flat.



The community were invited to provide written feedback on the preferred remediation option during a public exhibition phase which ran from the 10 April to 7 May 2024.

Transport received a total 37 submissions during the public exhibition phase:

- 27 submissions were received via online via the Have Your Say website
- 10 submissions were received via landassessment@transport.nsw.gov.au.

The majority of feedback received opposed Transport's preferred option to take the contaminated waste from Tarago to Captains Flat containment cell, although some support for the preferred option has been received. Community sentiment and feedback received during the public exhibition period has been summarised below.

Positive/neutral sentiment

A total of six (6) submissions either supported Transport's preferred option or were neutral. Three (3) of these submissions did not object to the preferred option, under the proviso that the condition and safety of the roads were considered and well maintained, particularly following the recent investment in upgrading local infrastructure.

Overall, key themes in the feedback included:

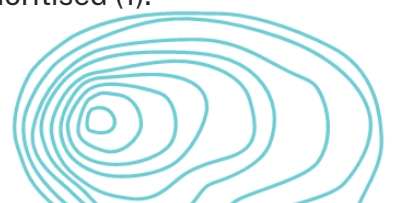
- Concerns for negative impact on recently upgraded roads (3)
- Support for the containment cell as the most cost-effective remediation option (2)
- Support for the containment cell as the safest remediation option (1)
- Would like to see remediation happen so that development can occur (1)
- Concerns that actual project costs will be vastly different when compared to projected costs (1).

Negative sentiment

A total of 31 submissions opposed the preferred remediation option in the Tarago Rail Corridor ROA.

Key themes in the feedback were:

- **Impacts on town infrastructure (21 comments)**
 - Concerns for the negative impact on recently upgraded local roads (21).
- **Impacts on remediation of private land (20 comments)**
 - Concerns that the preferred option will impact residents' ability to dispose of residential contamination at the containment cell. (11)
 - Want the removal of local residential waste to take priority of place at the containment cell. (9)
- **Impacts on the health and wellbeing of Captains Flat community (16 comments)**
 - Concerns for additional pollution and health risks associate with the preferred option (7)
 - Concerns that the preferred option is insensitive to locals and that their town is being treated as dumping ground for contaminated waste (7)
 - Concerns for how the preferred option will impact on property prices (2)
 - Would like homes to be cleaned once remediation has occurred (1)
 - Request for a rail trail between Captains Flat and Bungendore to be prioritised (1).



- **Suggestions for alternative remediation options (9 comments)**

- Would prefer the Tarago contamination to be remediated onsite at Tarago (8).
- Supports Transport's second preferred option or relocating the contaminated waste at Tarago to a suitably licenced facility (1)
- Suggestions for ways to expedite the remediation process (1).

- **Community consultation (6 comments)**

- Not enough consultation undertaken with the community to develop the Tarago Rail Corridor ROA (5)
- Would prefer simpler communications regarding the matter (1)
- Request to consult on a proposed extension of the Heritage Trail to Beverly Hills Road crossing (1).

Other feedback

Additional feedback was received in relation to the contaminated land management project at Tarago.

Comments included:

- Opposition to demolishing the Tarago former Station Masters Cottage (3).
- Requests for Transport to clean and maintain the assets within the Tarago Rail Corridor (1)
- Suggestions for waste train logistics and placement at Tarago (1)
- Requests to move the Tarago Stockpile contaminated waste by sequestering it within a tailing pond at Woodlawn Eco Precinct (1).

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