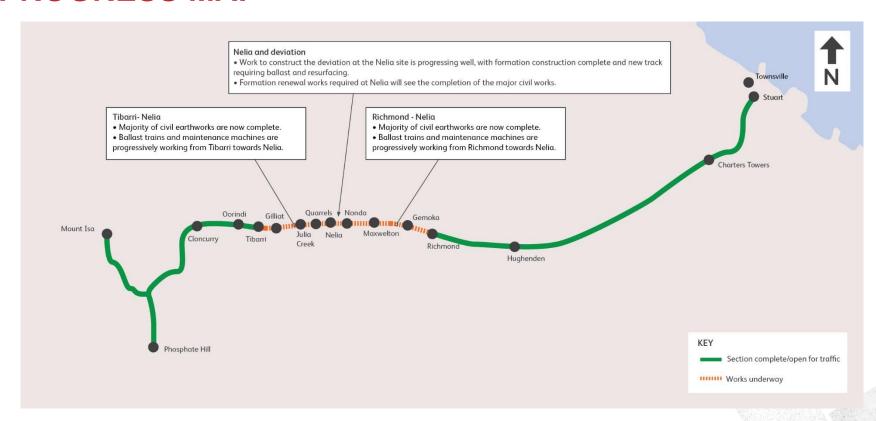


# RAIL RECOVERY TASKFORCE UPDATE

**Mount Isa line recovery** 



# **PROGRESS MAP**





## **WORKS PROGRESS**

- Works are on track, with the Mount Isa line expected to reopen between late-April and mid-May.
- The majority of civil earthworks between Richmond and Nonda in the east and Quarrels and Tibarri in the west have been completed in the past week, reopening these sections to maintenance and ballast trains.
- Work is progressing steadily on the remaining 55 kilometres of damaged track, which will be the most challenging repair location to date, given it was the most flood affected.
- The 55 kilometre stretch also includes the site at Nelia, where our crews are in the final stages of completing a rail deviation around the Nelia site where a Pacific National train was inundated by flood waters.
- Pacific National has now been able to remove all 81 wagons and the locomotive.
- Only minor resurfacing work is required on neighbouring sections from Richmond and Nonda in the east and Quarrels and Tibarri in the west.
- We were pleased to facilitate the first freight train between Richmond and Townsville at the end of March.

### PRIORITIES – WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 8 APRIL

- Work to construct the 1.2-kilometre-long deviation at the Nelia site is progressing well, with formation construction now complete and new track construction well underway.
- The Nelia deviation is on track to be completed in line with the remainder of the repairs, which are due between late-April and mid-May.
- This will allow trains to resume through Nelia, as remediation works continue at the site where a Pacific National train was inundated by flood waters.
- Crews of more than 300 employees and contractors are working at any one time on the Mount Isa line recovery, to ensure we reopen this important freight connection for the local communities and industry on schedule.



### **ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

- The Department of Environment and Science has issued a Clean-up Notices to Queensland Rail,
  Pacific National and Mount Isa Mines Limited (Glencore) to ensure the respective parties take action to remediate the impacts of the contamination event and fulfil their environmental obligations.
- A monitoring program has been developed and sampling and analysis to determine the nature and extent of impacts is underway.
- Review of data received to date shows some elevated levels of lead and zinc in and around the train and immediately downstream of the incident site, with higher concentrations closer to the train.
- Remediation of the rail corridor is commencing.
- Queensland Rail, Pacific National and Glencore are working closely with the Department of Environment & Science and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, including as further data becomes available to ensure meaningful understanding of risks.
- Affected landholder engagement is ongoing, and a further informal catch up with some local landholders was held in Julia Creek on Thursday 5 April 2019.

