

Stakeholder update

The NSW Wild Dog Fence Extension project is a complex and challenging project being undertaken in some of the most remote and isolated areas in Australia. While there has been much progress made, there has also been a number of challenges to work through, such as COVID-19 and the subsequent restrictions in place.

Progress achieved



mapping of the proposed fence alignments



the design of the extended fence



local knowledge around waterways and other environmental considerations

assessments for biodiversity and Aboriginal cultural heritage



construction of a priority pilot site



engagement with local landholders and stakeholders



Since work commenced firstly via desktop and then in the field, local landholders and stakeholders have played a critical role in helping the project advance to its current status.

Work continuing



mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 and all associated restrictions



identifying the approvals pathway



further assessments being undertaken following the analysis of the findings from the initial assessments

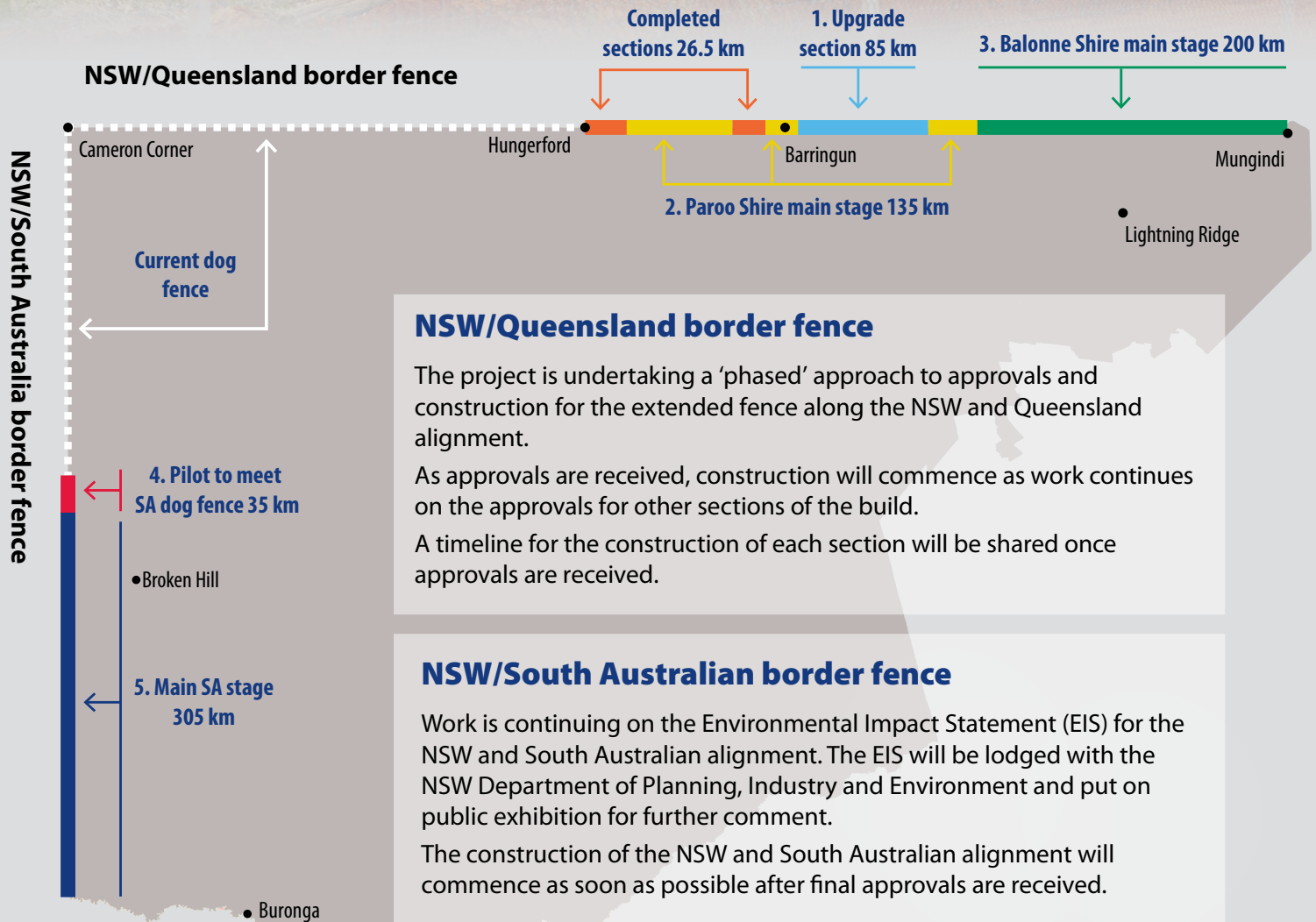
mitigating the impacts of rain, flooding and drought on the project



identifying and exploring offset opportunities



A phased approach for construction



While COVID-19 and other issues will impact on the next phase of construction commencing, the project team is committed to working through the approvals process as efficiently as possible, and is looking forward to the main phases of construction commencing.

The project team is committed to delivering a product that will be everlasting and a game-changer for Western NSW, increasing productivity for farmers, helping to protect native animals including threatened species, and giving an extra level of defence against biosecurity coming in over the border.



For further information regarding the NSW Wild Dog Fence Extension project, visit www.ils.nsw.gov.au/WDF or contact the project team on (02) 5852 1215 or wilddogfence@scs.nsw.gov.au.