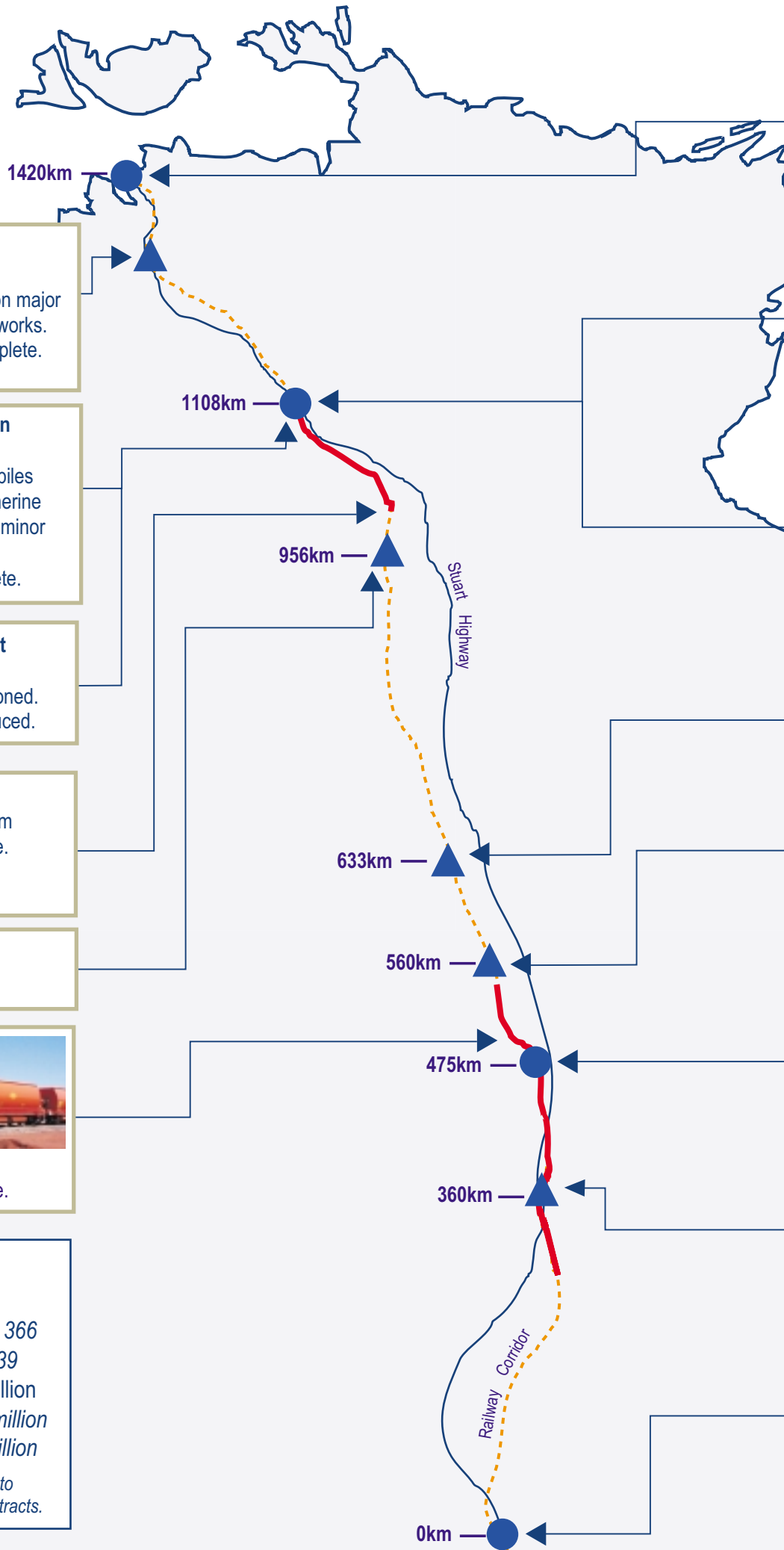
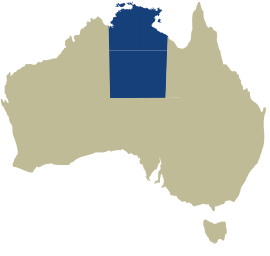


AustralAsia Railway

Construction Progress

Updated: 22 March 2002



Crater Lake
Near Batchelor.
Work underway on major cutting and earthworks. Cutting 50% complete.

Katherine Region Bridges
50% land-based piles complete on Katherine River Bridge. Six minor bridges south of Katherine complete.

Katherine Ballast Operations
Quarry commissioned. First ballast produced.

Earthworks
Complete to 114km south of Katherine.

Western Creek Road Camp
Installation of services underway.

Tennant Creek Trackwork
Tracklaying equipment delivered to site.

NT/SA PARTICIPATION
Direct employment: 653
Employed from Northern Territory: 366
Employed from South Australia: 139
Direct contracts awarded: \$622 million
Northern Territory industry: \$334 million
South Australian industry: \$276 million
** Note: Official figs to 23.02.02. Figs likely to be higher. Many more indirect jobs & contracts.*

VITAL STATISTICS	Total required	Completed
Clearing	1420km	617km
Embankment: new align.	1270km	402km
Embankment: NAR	150km	60%
Capping layer	1420km	328km
Bridges	97	12
Tracklaying	1420km	Started
Sleepers	2 million	180,000
Ballast	2 million tonnes	280,000

ON-SITE PLANT includes:
15 water trucks
29 other trucks
18 scrapers
25 graders
16 bulldozers
10 excavators
16 loaders

Darwin
Construction and procurement headquarters. Work underway at Rail yards and approaches to East Arm Port.

Katherine
Sleeper factory has produced 113,000 sleepers to date out of total 865,000 required. 40 people to be employed in factory and associated activities. Rail welding underway. Quarry operational.

Katherine Trackwork
Tracklaying to commence 8 April 2002.

No 4 Bore Camp
Siteworks commenced.

Blue Bush Bore (Middle) Camp
Carrying out earthworks north of Tennant Creek.

Tennant Creek
Sleeper Factory has produced 67,000 sleepers to date. Rail welding underway. Quarry operational and 280,000 tonnes ballast stockpiled. Six bridges south of town complete.

Wauchope Creek Camp
Carrying out earthworks south of Tennant Creek. Six bridges now complete.

Alice Springs
Logistics Centre. Rail and equipment unloaded at Roe Creek and trucked north. 23,000 tonnes rail delivered.

LEGEND

- New rail corridor
- Stuart Highway
- Existing rail line
- Major town
- Completed earthworks
- ++++ Completed trackwork
- ▲ Work or camp site

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