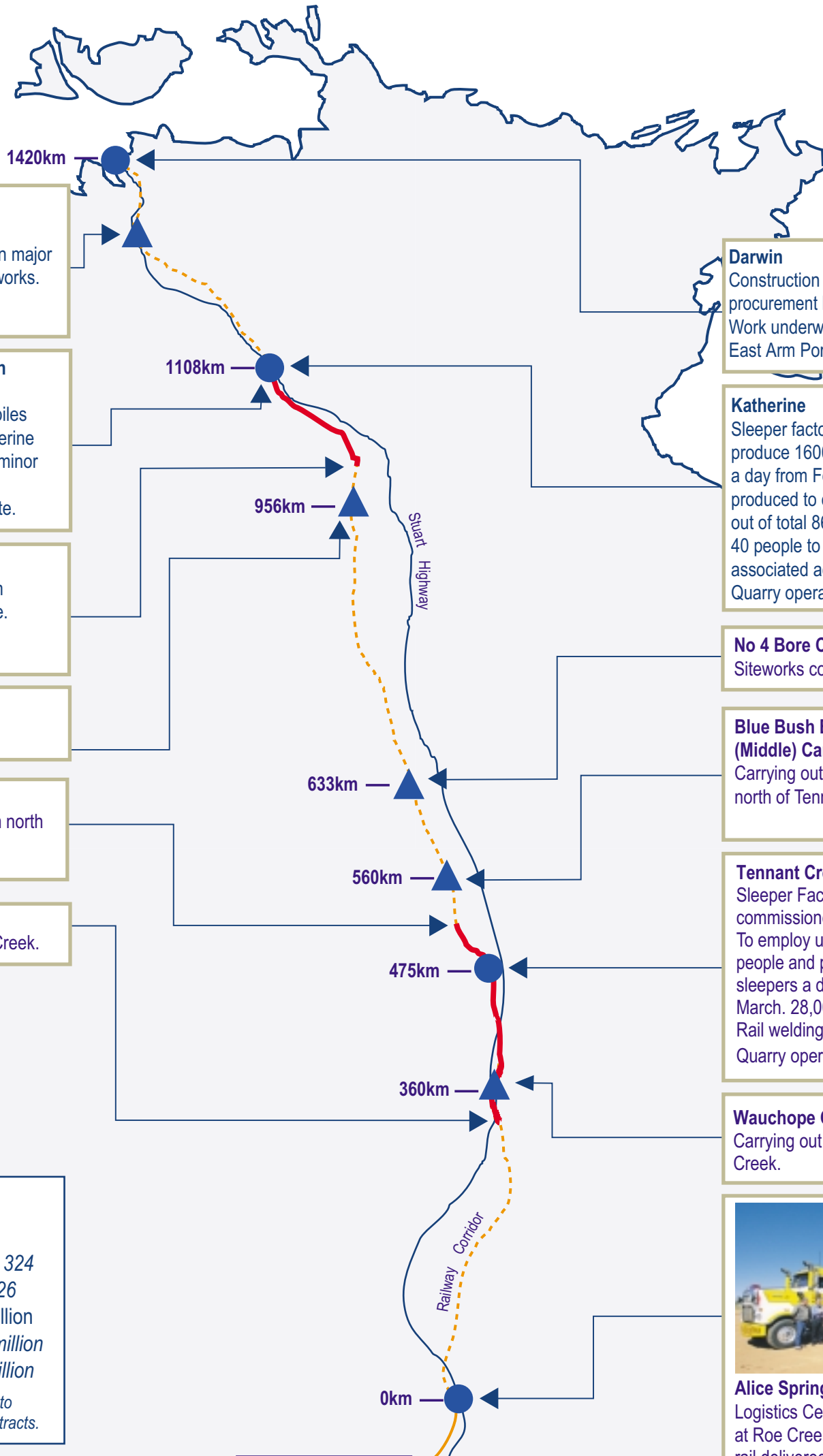


AustralAsia Railway

Construction Progress

Updated: 7 March 2002



Crater Lake
Near Batchelor.
Work underway on major cutting and earthworks.

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

Earthworks
Complete to 95km south of Katherine.

Western Creek Road Camp
Installation of services underway.

Earthworks
Complete to 39km north of Tennant Creek.

Earthworks
Complete to 157km south of Tennant Creek.

NT/SA PARTICIPATION
Direct employment: 577
Employed from Northern Territory: 324
Employed from South Australia: 126
Direct contracts awarded: \$610 million
Northern Territory industry: \$323 million
South Australian industry: \$276 million
** Note: Official figs to 26.01.02. Figs likely to be higher. Many more indirect jobs & contracts.*

VITAL STATISTICS	Total required	Completed
Clearing	1420km	543 km
Embankment	1420km	354km
Completed earthworks	1420km	291km
Minor bridges & culverts	1420km	160km
Tracklaying	1420km	Starts April
Sleepers	2 million	97000
Ballast	2 million tonnes	230,000

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 East Arm Port.

Katherine
Sleeper factory to produce 1600 sleepers a day from Feb. 69,000 produced to date out of total 865,000. 40 people to be employed in factory and associated activities. Rail welding underway. Quarry operational.

No 4 Bore Camp
Siteworks commenced.

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

Tennant Creek
Sleeper Factory commissioned 25 Jan. To employ up to 60 people and produce 2400 sleepers a day from March. 28,000 produced. Rail welding underway. Quarry operational: 230,000 tonnes stockpiled.

Wauchope Creek Camp
Carrying out earthworks south of Tennant Creek.



Alice Springs
Logistics Centre. Rail and supplies unloaded at Roe Creek and trucked north. 18,400 tonnes rail delivered.

LEGEND

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

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