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Future proofing our connection to the eastern states

Arc Infrastructure has completed a \$1.1 million culvert replacement at Bandee Lakes in between Hines Hill and Doodlakine in the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia.

The 36 metre culvert is one of the largest culverts on the Eastern Goldfields Railway, which runs from Perth to Kalgoorlie and east across the Nullabor, responsible for providing drainage on one of the busiest sections of the network.

The culvert upgrade involved over 30 Arc Infrastructure employees together with local and Perth based contractors, working through a single 15 hour shut down to minimise disruption to services along the network.

The Eastern Goldfields Railway is a vital section of the freight rail network, providing the only rail connection to the east coast of Australia, transporting around 80% of all containerised freight, and providing bulk minerals and grain customers with access to Fremantle and Kwinana ports.

Arc Infrastructure's structures supervisor Graham Duncan said the upgrade is designed to future proof operations.

"The new structure has a lifespan of 70 years and is able to withstand harsh conditions and cater for planned rail traffic requirements," Mr Duncan said.

The upgrade was part of an ongoing program to replace ageing infrastructure as required on the Eastern Goldfields Railway. Four culvert locations along the Eastern Goldfields Railway are planned to be upgraded this year from Meckering through to Koolyanobbing.

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ABOUT ARC INFRASTRUCTURE

Arc is pronounced as a word and not an acronym.

Arc Infrastructure is a leading transport infrastructure manager in Western Australia. We currently operate the State's 5,500km freight rail network, connecting people, commodities and ports across the State with the rest of Australia and the world.

Spread across regional Western Australia, our team of 400 employees keeps the rail network operating 24/7. We live local, buy local and are committed to contributing to regional communities.

Previously called Brookfield Rail, we changed our name to Arc Infrastructure in July 2017 to reflect the aspirations for our future to expand our involvement in transport infrastructure assets. We're committed to working with industry, our customers, partners and communities to find new opportunities that will support and strengthen our rail network for the benefit of WA.

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