

# INNER DARLING DOWNS COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SUMMARY



The eighth meeting of the Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (the committee) was held at the Gowrie Progress Association Community Hall on 5 December 2019.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Bill Armagnacq and attended by 10 of the 16 Inner Darling Downs committee members. The meeting was observed by approximately 12 community members.

Committee member Jason Chavasse, representing the Gowrie Junction Progress Association, gave an overview of the challenges and concerns of the Gowrie Junction community. This included noise, amenity and air quality impacts, increased train traffic, road closures, property severance, tunnel infrastructure, cumulative impacts, operation of freight, social impacts and the timeframe to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

ARTC presented an update on the NSW/QLD Border to Gowrie (B2G) EIS, detailing the consultation undertaken to date, topics covered in the EIS, structure of the EIS, and information regarding its release and timing. This was

followed by a presentation of a fly through video showing the B2G reference design. The fly through showed the proposed rail alignment, public road rail crossings, bridge structures, cuttings and embankments. It was noted that video did not include the location of culverts, access roads, or the project footprint.

A Gowrie to Helidon (G2H) project update was also provided by ARTC.

ARTC provided written responses arising from the previous meeting in relation to presentations on land and groundwater. Committee member Rob Loch, who had submitted a number of questions, spoke to the questions and the responses provided. It was agreed a meeting is to be arranged between committee members and representatives from Future Freight Joint Venture to discuss technical aspects of the land and groundwater studies.

The Chair advised the two-year period of the committee had come to an end and that nominations were being sought to re-form the committee in 2020.

The Chair committed to write to the Office of the Coordinator-General, on behalf of the committee, requesting more than 30 days for the EIS consultation period and public display.

Observers were invited to ask questions for the last 10 minutes of the meeting. Questions focused on management of livestock, cost of the project, property severance, property acquisition, and location of unregistered bores.

Mr Bill Armagnacq

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