



INLAND RAIL LOCKYER VALLEY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE



Dr Mark Hohenhaus

CHAIR'S SUMMARY

The Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee (the committee) held its second meeting in Gatton on Wednesday 14 March 2018.

This summary provides an overview of the meeting in order to share information with the community at the earliest opportunity. The summary is a precursor to the meeting minutes, which will be published on the website following endorsement by the committee.

The meeting was attended by 13 of the 14 members of the committee. The member unable to attend tendered an apology. There were approximately 40 members of the public and one media representative in attendance.

The meeting was provided with an update on the Gowrie to Helidon (G2H) and Helidon to Calvert (H2C) projects, particularly in relation to:

- ▶ the technical investigations required to prepare the Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) and feasibility design
- ▶ upcoming geotechnical investigations and other field studies
- ▶ the community engagement program focused on the key issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statements.

ARTC has recently engaged consultants - Future Freight Joint Venture - to carry out the environmental and engineering investigations required to develop the EIS and feasibility design for the projects.

Following a request from the committee at the previous meeting for a detailed engagement program aligned with the EIS studies, ARTC presented their EIS community engagement plan for the H2C project.

The plan outlines the various consultation periods that will occur during the EIS and the key issues where ARTC will be providing information or seeking feedback and input from the community. A similar program is being developed for the G2H project as well as other Inland Rail projects across Queensland.

The program was supplied in hard copy to members and observers and it was noted that it will be distributed widely to the community and key stakeholders throughout the Lockyer Valley region in coming weeks, including on the Inland Rail website.

The committee requested to be made aware of the specific details and timing of the upcoming consultation activities and so they can provide feedback and promote them within their communities.

The key topics of discussion related to the preferred alignment and how this would be assessed and finalised, the overall scope and purpose of the Inland Rail Programme, benefits and opportunities for the region, the methodology and timing of flood modelling and hydrology studies and issues associated with existing rail infrastructure.

Other issues raised included the need for a focus on economic impacts in the social impact assessment, consultation on visual impacts and the provision for future passenger services.

The committee made suggestions regarding the type of engagement opportunities they would like to see ARTC deliver and the best methods for communicating about the project, recognising the importance of considering a range of formal consultation opportunities that give the community a chance to provide valuable input into the design of the project. These suggestions will be considered and reflected in the planning of specific engagement activities.

Minutes of the meeting will be made available on the ARTC website in April 2018.

Dr Mark Hohenhaus
Chair
Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee
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Interested community members are welcome to attend committee meetings as observers. The next Lockyer Valley committee meeting will be scheduled to occur in June 2018, with details to be advertised prior to the date. For more information please contact the Inland Rail Community Engagement team.

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