

Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee Chair's summary



Chair's Summary

The 10th meeting of the Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (the committee) was held online on 23 June 2020.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Bill Armagnacq and 12 of the 14 committee members attended. Representatives from federal, state and local government agencies and two elected representatives, observed the meeting.

The committee welcomed new member Thomas Draper as its Indigenous representative. Mr Draper provided information about his background and offered to meet with Inland Rail's Cultural Heritage manager and CCC members.

Drue Edwards, from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, and Communication, provided the committee with an update on the Independent Flood Panel and the forestry route review.

Mr Edwards informed the committee that the flood panel would review the models for 21 Queensland catchments and provide advice on how the models compare against national standards.

Mr Edwards also informed the committee that ARTC has been tasked with gathering data for the government in relation to the forestry route via Cecil Plains. This data will be used to assess the route against the project's service offering. The Australian Government will appoint an independent consultant to review the data and provide a report to the government for consideration and decision. The Australian Government is still determining when and how information is shared with the community about the independent flood review and the forestry route review, however they are working on it as a matter of urgency.

Committee member Paul Hanlon, representing the Pittsworth community, presented a summary of feedback he has received on the reference design at Pittsworth.

Paul asked Inland Rail to consider lowering the proposed rail line to improve noise and visual impacts on the Pittsworth community. Paul understood this may mean additional changes to local roads and travel times. Inland Rail is continuing to work through this feedback.

Inland Rail presented Cultural Heritage, business development and social performance updates.

The committee were requested to provide feedback on the following:

- ▶ would members like to invite a representative of the Office of the Coordinator General to a committee meeting to discuss the EIS process
- ▶ areas of interest for a tour of the alignment
- ▶ possible future agenda items.

The next meeting is likely to be held in August 2020.

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