

Meeting minutes

Southern Darling Downs Consultative Committee Meeting

Date / Time

26 October 2020
6.00pm to 8.15pm

Location

Goondiwindi Golf Club
18 Hindmarsh St, Goondiwindi

Facilitator

Mr Graham Clapham (Chair)

Minute taker

Ms Naomi Tonscheck – (ARTC
Inland Rail)

Distribution

All

Attendees (Show organisation if not ARTC)

- ▶ Mr Graham Clapham, SDD Chair (Chair)
- ▶ Mr Norm Chapman, SDD member (NC)
- ▶ Mr Robert Barrett, SDD member (RB)
- ▶ Mr Rick McDougall SDD member (RM)
- ▶ Ms Naomi Tonscheck (NT)
- ▶ Ms Sarah Delahunty (SD)
- ▶ Mr Scott Cobine (SC)
- ▶ Mr Andrew Roberts (JR)
- ▶ Mr Ash Williams (AW)
- ▶ Mr Jeff Chandler, SDD member (JC)
- ▶ Mrs Maria Oliver, SDD member (MO)
- ▶ Mr Robert Webb, SDD member (RW)
- ▶ Mr Andrew McCartney, SDD member (AM)
- ▶ Mr Rob McNamara (RMc)
- ▶ Mr Robert Smith (RS)
- ▶ Ms Fiona Kennedy (FK)
- ▶ Ms Lauren Marer (LM)
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Apologies (Show organisation if not ARTC)

- ▶ Mr Justin Saunders, SDD member (JS)
- ▶ Ms Rosalie Millar, SDD member (RM)
- ▶ Ms Georgina Krieg, SDD member (GK)
- ▶ Mr Brett Kelly, SDD member (BK)
- ▶ Mr Kev Loveday, SDD member (KL)

Guests (Show organisation if not ARTC)

- ▶ Mr Drue Edwards, (DE) (Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications)
- ▶ Mr Lawrence Springborg, (Mayor Goondiwindi Regional Council)
- ▶ Ms Kathryn Silk, (Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications)
- ▶ Mr Mark Babister (MB) (Chair of the Independent International Panel of Experts for Flood Studies in Queensland)
- ▶ Ms Susie Kelly, (Councillor Goondiwindi Regional Council)
- ▶ Mr James Lister (Member for the Southern Downs)

Discussions

NO.	ACTIONS
	Safety share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ FK presented a safety share on being aware of snakes.
1	Welcome, Actions and Conflict of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ AW delivered an acknowledgement of country ▶ The Chair welcomed the committee, acknowledged elected representatives and observers to the meeting Conflicts of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Conflict of interest definition provided by RMc ▶ All committee members declared their conflicts of interest

NO.	ACTIONS
	<p>Introduced and welcomed new committee member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Rick McDougall
2	<p>Actions arising from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Noise Analogies - ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <i>ARTC is preparing a presentation and hope to share it with the committee over the coming weeks</i> ▶ Questions relating to the review – completed by Drue Edwards ▶ Reference design provided to the Condamine community – complete ▶ Construction presentation – complete ▶ Landowner meetings - ongoing
3	<p>Presentation from Independent Panel of Experts – flood model review in Queensland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Mr Mark Babister, the chair of Independent Panel of Experts provided an update to the committee on the review of the Condamine and Macintyre Rivers floodplain models. ▶ Mr Babister noted there have been five people appointed to the panel, all highly experienced international experts in their field. He noted their role is to look at Inland Rail’s flood modelling for the four Queensland sections and provide advice on how the models compare against national standards and industry best practice. ▶ Mr Babister encouraged community members to make submissions to the panel as part of this review and provided them with the panel’s email address. ▶ The panel will produce a detailed report to the Australian and Queensland governments that will be made public and will assist the Office of the Coordinator-General in its assessment of the project. ▶ Mr Babister said engagement with the Australian Rail Track Corporation’s (ARTC) hydrology team was ongoing and anticipated the panel’s draft reports for the C2K and B2G sections would be available in the coming months, with reports for the other sections to follow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Chair commented on the link with the B2G EIS process – MB confirmed they will be using it as part of the EIS ▶ RW commented we cannot accept any change to the flooding levels – MB acknowledged ▶ Chair asked if there be formal responses to submissions – MB commented in certain circumstances yes ▶ Chair asked if the 10mm flood impact is over a range of flood events? – MB yes- 10mm is pretty hard to determine and we will be looking at all flood events ▶ Chair Timeline – MB draft reports should be out around the end of the year for comment ▶ MO Will the release of the reports be advertised? – DE they will be released as part of the EIS document ▶ Chair How will this affect the EIS timeline? – DE the panel are making good progress and should work well
4	<p>Presentation from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Drue Edwards, from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications provided the Committee with an update on the Border to Gowrie route review. ▶ Mr Edwards informed the Committee that the independent consultant (GTA Consultants) had completed its analyses of the data compiled by ARTC in regard to the Inland Rail service offering attributes of the alternative route via Cecil Plains and the Reference Design route. ▶ Mr Edwards confirmed that the independent consultants report had been provided to the Australian Government for its consideration and that the timing of the release of the report was a matter for the government. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ MO asked about the timeline. – DE federal governments discretion ▶ NC can we comment on findings? – DE they haven’t sourced public input into the reports.

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5	<p>Commercial in confidence RMc provided an overview of what commercial in confidence means.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ It is the sharing of commercially sensitive information that can create an unfair advantage for companies tendering to the project or skew bidding process. Inland Rail will not, under any circumstances release commercially sensitive information.
6	<p>Construction overview presentation AR provided a construction overview presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Basis of reference design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Components of a rail corridor ▶ Performance specifications for Inland Rail and the project ▶ Rail standard and narrow gauge ▶ Example of Rail over Road and Road over Rail ▶ Example of cross section of culverts ▶ Access and haulage ▶ Earthworks and material sourcing ▶ Cut and fill requirements ▶ Construction equipment ▶ Water volumes, sourcing and hierarchy ▶ Workforce, work hours and non-resident accommodation <p><i>Questions and discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Chair asked if this information come from the EIS – AR Yes ▶ JC asked why one of the three Millmerran Inglewood Roads treatments a level crossing? – AR an Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model (ALCAM) determined an active level crossing with boom gates and lights was a safe control at that location. The other 2 locations topography has allowed for a grade separation (rail over road) to be put in as the treatment. Active level crossings would have likely been an acceptable treatment if the topography hadn't allowed for grade separations. We are still working with Transport and Main Roads discussing this location. ▶ JC when will landowners be notified if they have a borrow pit ARTC want to use – AR when the contractor comes on board. It will be via negotiation with the landowner ▶ JC – will the project footprint include access roads, and will the construction footprint be wider than the final corridor? – AR yes and yes ▶ JC do you believe it will be difficult to source water? – AR yes. This will be a deliverable of the contractor. ▶ NM Millmerran connection, what does this include? – AR Inland Rail will facilitate a rail turn out connection into the existing QR Millmerran Branch Line. ▶ MO will you be required to upgrade the road into the Turallin workers' accommodation. AR – we will be required to complete a traffic assessment and hold discussions with council to determine road treatments. ▶ MO will ARTC be making the pre-cast culverts on site or transporting them in? – AR – this will be at the discretion of the constructor. ▶ MO if you are clearing trees, will you be mulching them? – AR – yes, we will be mulching the trees ▶ RW will ARTC be putting in crew changeover locations along the alignment and will the track be continuously welded? – AR – we will have crossing loops and maintenance sidings throughout the alignment which could act as changeover points and yes, we will be using continuously welded track. ▶ AR provided an overview of continuously welded tracks and how the rail stressing engineering methodology being used to minimise expansion and contraction impacts.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ RM raised the concern about Millmerran Inglewood Rd treatment and what information was being used including future growth and seasonal growth. – AR – commented we account for future growth and seasonal growth as part of our assessment. NT commented a technical working group has been set up between GRC and ARTC and this has been raised.
7	<p>Border to Gowrie (B2G) Project update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ RS provided a project overview and delivered an update on the progress of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Status of the Environmental Impact Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ EIS is currently being reviewed by the OCG ▶ Next step – Public Exhibition ▶ Upcoming field activities for B2G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ LiDAR aerial surveys ▶ Geotechnical campaign ▶ Ecology surveys ▶ Land boundary verification (cadastral surveys) ▶ Water asset surveys ▶ NT provided an update on engagement activities <p>North Star to Border (NS2B) Project update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ NT provided a project overview and delivered an update on the progress of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ EIS exhibition period has closed for the NS2B project ▶ Currently preparing responses to the submissions ▶ Anticipated the NSW Government will make a determination mid next year ▶ Ongoing work supporting Goondiwindi Regional Council facilitate an independent review of the Macintyre flood model being completed by WRM <p><i>Questions and discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ RW will WRM's report be shared with the OCG? – RMc commented it is not our report. It is the GRC's report. Mayor Springborg commented that it would form part of their submission to the EIS. ▶ Chair commented the local councils are taking an active role in the development of Inland Rail including
5	<p>General business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Legal advice presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Chair asked if the committee thought it would be worthwhile approaching an independent legal firm to speak at the next CCC meeting? ▶ Members of the committee agreed it would be a worthwhile and timely presentation ▶ The committee determined the Chair would approach an independent legal firm to present at the next meeting. ▶ The committee agreed that the invitation to discuss legal issues relating to rights and responsibilities should be confined to the processes available to all parties, and not provide an opportunity to any particular legal firm. Individuals would be free to access legal advice with a firm of their choosing ▶ The Chair will work with the IDD CCC chair to determine the who will present. ▶ NC commented that the legal advice should be made available to all people. ▶ Next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Chair asked for suggestions for the next meeting, likely to be held prior to the release of the B2G EIS ▶ MO noted that the more northern members were not present at the meeting, but we might expect they may like a meeting further north next time. ▶ The Chair said from what he could hear he would suggest that we have our next meeting at Millmerran ▶ The committee agreed on Millmerran for the next CCC meeting.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Pending decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ MO commented that we are all waiting for these decisions and announcements to be made so we can all move forward. ▶ The Chair commented he had spoken to the department and that we as a community are waiting for a decision. We have done all we can and hopefully we will have a decision shortly.
6	<p>Questions from observers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Chair opened the meeting to questions from observers. ▶ An observer commented they were a new landowner in the area, and they hadn't been offered a landowner meeting. NT commented she would talk to the landowner after the meeting. ▶ <i>Meeting closed 8.10pm</i>

Actions

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1	Noise presentation	ARTC Inland Rail
2	ARTC to email presentation and P2N construction link to CCC members	ARTC Inland Rail
3	The Chair to approach a legal firm to present at the next CCC meeting	The Chair SDD CCC

Next meeting

To be advised