

CHAIR'S SUMMARY

Southern Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee

The tenth meeting of the Southern Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (the Committee) was held online and in person on 28 January 2021 at Millmerran.

This summary provides an overview of the meeting and ensures information is shared with the community at the earliest opportunity. It is a precursor to the formal meeting record, the Committee meeting minutes, which will be published on the Inland Rail website following preparation and endorsement by the Committee and Chair.

The meeting was chaired by Graham Clapham and 10 of the 12 Committee members attended. Representatives from federal and local government agencies, and two community members, observed the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide the Committee and community members with an

overview of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) content, approval process, public notification period, expected timing, planned engagement activities and how to make a submission to the Coordinator-General.

Copies of the draft EIS, summary of findings, how to make a submission fact sheets and reply-paid envelopes were provided to Committee members to distribute to their local communities. To access a digital copy of the draft EIS, please contact ARTC or your local Committee representative. Details can be found at inlandrail.artc.com.au/SDD-CCC

The proposal for a combined Southern Darling Downs and Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee meeting to discuss the EIS process with the Office of the Coordinator-General was discussed by the Committee. ARTC committed to asking the Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee if they supported this suggestion at their next meeting.

The Chair provided an update on the proposed seminar for directly affected landowners on how best to prepare for the acquisition process including legal and financial information, who would present the information and suggested the seminar be held after the EIS public notification period. The Committee agreed the proposed seminar would be beneficial to directly affected landowners and supported the Chair's approach. ARTC committed to informing all directly affected landowners about the seminar once a date and venue is confirmed.

A copy of the presentation is available on request.

The date of the next meeting is yet to be determined and will be held in Brookstead.

**Mr Graham Clapham – Chair,
Southern Darling Downs
Community Consultative Committee**