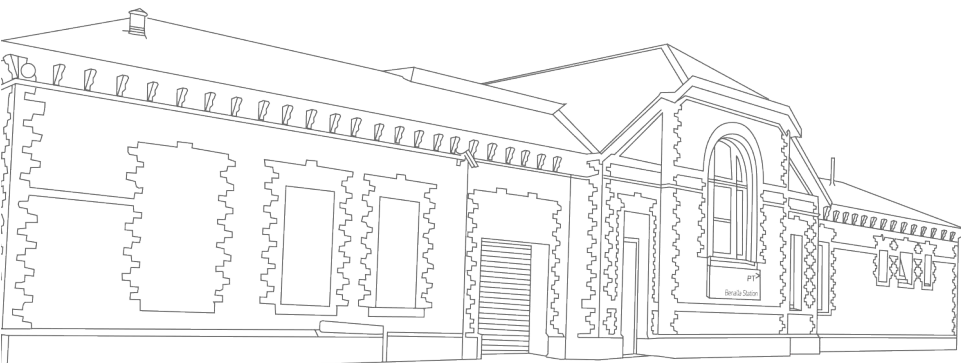


BENALLA WORKING GROUP CHAIR'S UPDATE

JUNE 2021



The latest Benalla Working Group meeting was held on Thursday 17 June, 2021. Ten of the 12 local community representatives attended, including Benalla Rural City Councillor Justin King.

The purpose of the meeting was to review draft concept visualisations and provide feedback to ARTC that can be incorporated in draft designs for the two options under consideration in Benalla – a new bridge or track realignment – to deliver Inland Rail in our community.

Members received an update on the Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) process. ARTC advised that Benalla was one of the most proactive communities along the alignment in Victoria, with 30 per cent of all submissions on the PSA coming from Benalla residents.

Member David Blore gave a high-level overview of the PSA process, based on his experience and involvement as both an engineer and planning panel member.

ARTC shared with the Group the initial concept visualisations for both the track realignment and bridge replacement options for Benalla. ARTC highlighted the need to explore both options in order to support progression of a design solution for Benalla.

The Group provided feedback on both options and identified key aspects that require additional detail and further discussion. They assessed both options against the design objectives in the Urban Design Framework. It was acknowledged by all in attendance (including the ARTC team members) that the track realignment option meets the endorsed urban design objectives.

Feedback received during the session will now be incorporated into the next round of design visualisations and scope inclusions to be presented to key stakeholders including the Working Group, Department of Transport, Council and broader community for further input.

The next Benalla Working Group meeting is scheduled for 12 July and will include representatives from the Department of Transport.

To learn more about Inland Rail in Benalla, the Benalla Working Group and to read the minutes of previous meetings, visit inlandrail.artc.com.au/bwg

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