

DRAFT DESIGNS RELEASED TO BENALLA WORKING GROUP FOR COMMENT

The latest Benalla Working Group meeting was held on **Tuesday 9 November 2021**. It was attended by nine of the 12 local community representatives, including Benalla Rural City Councillor Cr. Gail O'Brien.

The purpose of the meeting was to update members on the Environment Report and update the group on the community feedback from the community consultation process for Benalla.

ARTC provided an update on the Environment Report process outlining:

- ▶ The many investigations and studies included in the report
- ▶ The submission process associated with the report.

Marissa Feher, ARTC's environment manager also provided an update on concerns about the potential for contaminated land around the project area, stating investigations have found little evidence of contamination. She also updated the group on the flood modelling work, and the noise and vibration studies.

Brodie Akacich, ARTC's stakeholder engagement lead, provided an overview of the key outcomes from the community consultation process. The key themes of most interest to the Benalla community were access issues, connectivity across town and to the station, and the visual impact of the project.

The group also reflected on their time together and completed the drafting of the Benalla Working Group Consensus statement. In conclusion, the Benalla Working Group appreciated the opportunity of working with ARTC in this early phase of the project. The group was pleased ARTC has adopted the track realignment option as the preferred option for the project and see this as a great collective achievement for Benalla.

The group looks forward to further opportunities of working with ARTC to achieve the best outcomes for Benalla from this project.

The final Benalla Working Group meeting will be scheduled for early in 2022.

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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