

## Chair's summary

The 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee was held at the Forest Hill School of Arts Hall on Tuesday 7 December 2021.

This Chair's summary provides an overview of the Committee meeting. The Committee meeting minutes will be published on the Committee webpage following preparation and endorsement by the Committee Chair, anticipated in early 2022.

The meeting was chaired by Simon Warner and attended by 9 of the 14 local community representatives, appointed as members of the Committee. Five apologies were made by committee members.

Nine observers also attended the meeting.

The Chair welcomed members and observers and Margaret McCarthy delivered the Welcome to Country.

There were four presentations prepared by Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC). The Director of Public Private Partnership (PPP) Tony Lubofsky gave members an overview of the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail programme which included information specific to Queensland, the PPP procurement phase, projected job opportunities and status of the Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for the Gowrie to Helidon and Helidon to Calvert projects. Mr Lubofsky advised the Office of the Coordinator-General is working through categorising the EIS submissions received and will provide feedback to ARTC in the coming months.

Other agenda presentations:

- Brodie Hartfiel provided a presentation on Cultural Heritage
- Corey Doran and Giano Terzic provided examples where community has influenced changes in the alignments in a range of 'listening examples' on the Helidon to Calvert (H2C) and Gowrie to Helidon (G2H) projects
- Michael Price and Tessa Drayson presented summaries of key topics of concern raised during the EIS public exhibitions for the projects.

Several committee members raised concerns with regards to the alignment for G2H and H2C and the Chair explained a decision was made by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) in 2003 to protect the Gowrie to Grandchester rail corridor for future rail operations, which includes ARTC Inland Rail. For more information about the protected corridor, please visit TMR's website:

<https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/gowrie-to-grandchester-rail-corridor-study>

The Chair addressed the committee with regards to Toowoomba to Brisbane Passenger Rail Strategic Business Case and encouraged the Federal Government to progress the business case in line with the PPP procurement and detailed design phase of ARTC Inland Rail.

General business included:

- the extension of the CCC membership (due to expire in March 2022) for a further 12 months or until EIS approval has been achieved
- Ipswich being acknowledged as part of the Lockyer Valley CCC
- the next CCC meeting anticipated to be held in the first quarter of 2022.

The committee minutes will contain detailed information and be available on the Committee webpage in due course. The specific date and location of the next CCC will be advertised once determined. Please reach out to the committee members if you have queries you want raised at the next meeting.

Member details are listed on the Committee webpage [inlandrail.com.au/lv-ccc](http://inlandrail.com.au/lv-ccc)

Simon Warner  
Chair