#### **MEETING MINUTES**





#### DATE / TIME LOCATION

24 June 2021 5:30pm – 8:00pm Rosewood Uniting Church Hall, 21 John Street, Rosewood

#### **MINUTE TAKER**

Belinda Scott-Toms

#### **ATTENDEES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT ARTC)**

Ms Kathy Baburin - Chair SRCCC Ms Jan McGregor SRCCC Ms Rosemaree Thomasson SRCCC Mr Simon Birrell SRCCC Mr Robert Collett SRCCC Ms Robyn Keenan SRCCC Mr Mike Townsend SRCCC Ms Narrella Simpson SRCCC Ms Alison Duke-Gibb SRCCC

#### **Apologies**

Mr Phillip Bell

Ms Angela Collyer

Mr Adrian Stephan

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#### **ARTC INLAND RAIL**

Mr Long Vo ARTC Inland Rail Mr Don Piggott-McKellar ARTC Inland Rail Ms Belinda Scott-Toms ARTC Inland Rail Ms Amanda Reed ▶ ARTC Inland Rail Ms Helen Wood ▶ ARTC Inland Rail Mr Damien Morrissey ARTC Inland Rail Ms Rosemary Judd ARTC Inland Rail ARTC Inland Rail Ms Mvf Jagger ARTC Inland Rail Ms Elysha Loiterton Mr Andrew Coady Mr Rob Coote

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#### **DISCUSSIONS**

# Introduction and Acknowledgement of Country. NS provided a Welcome to Country KB informed Observers that time is allocated at the end of the Committee meeting for questions. KB advised that two SRCCC members, Bruce Trevena and Dennis Dwyer, had resigned from the Committee and thanked them for their important input and time as Committee members. KB requested that everyone adhere to COVID19 distancing measures. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the room.



# 2 Conflict of interest

No conflicts raised in the meeting.

#### 3 Update of actions from last meeting

- **JM** referred to no. 5 of the previous Action Items, asked that the flora and fauna questions were not placed against her name as these were not her questions.
- **RK** asked whether a response on Council data for the Teviot Brook was provided to the Committee. **KB** advised that the answer will be re provided to the Committee members.
- ADG requested the Meeting Actions be provided to the Committee one week prior to the
  next meeting and for the 'closed out' dates be recorded next to the Actions items. KB
  agreed and that the next SRCCC meeting will include the previous minutes as an Agenda
  item.

#### Follow up SRCCC questions from previous meeting

- JM asked for clarification on status of the noise contour mapping, so as these could be used to inform community responses to the draft EIS. LV apologised for not meeting this request and explained that ARTC has been working to produce the maps asap however the process is taking more time than initially planned. Prior to release of any new information, this will also need require consultation with the OCG. JM requested that in future if there is a delay in producing requested items that an update be provided to the Committee. LV noted this comment.
- ADG noted that an earlier conversation with the Flinders Peak Medical Centre (Ipswich Boonah Road) showed that they had not received mental health information flyers from ARTC. This centre is a main point of contact for C2K impacted communities. MJ responded that her Team will reach out to the Flinders Peak Medical Centre as well as investigate other centres that would benefit from receiving the ARTC mental health program information/flyers. ADG stated that during a previous meeting in November 2019 schools, service stations, chemists, and other places that the community visit were provided to ARTC to provide mental health information flyers and has not seen this promotion. ADG noted that the meeting notes regarding were not documented as the meeting was run by a third party. MJ took this information on notice as an Action Item.
- ADG re: the C2K proposed alignment map, ADG requested to have hard copy of the large C2K map (similar to the map Committee members were borrowing during the draft EIS consultation period). Requested the map be available in the community, such as the Rosewood Community Centre or Ivory's Rock with IR Engagement Team contact details visible for when community members have questions. Requested more details on the map. for example where the proposed rail enters and exits the Teviot Range, the tunnel height and width or the heights of bridges and embankments. LV queried whether the interactive map tool, where an address can be searched and zoomed on, is of benefit for these queries or how to navigate the static map. ADG responded yes. LV noted that during previous community events, the interactive map tool and fly through was used to communicate with the public the proposed alignment and any specific details. RT reminded ARTC that not all community members along C2K alignment have access to the internet and unable to access the online interactive map or other aspects of the project. LV replied that there are also alternate avenues with contact numbers to call project engagement staff. LV asked the CCC if they would like ARTC to consider additional pop up engagement sessions for those with limited internet access and the wider community. Committee agreed that pop up sessions at locations such as Peak Crossing and Rosewood would benefit the community which was then taken as an Action item.
- 4 C2K Project Update presented by Long Vo, Don Piggott-McKellar and Belinda Scott-Toms
  - LV welcomed six new C2K Team Members.



- LV noted Purga and Friends' successful application for funding through the IR C2K Sponsorship and Donations Program, to replace Purga Hall's accessibility ramp. Encouraged the promotion of the Sponsorship and Donations Program throughout the community to eligible organisations.
- LV provided a request for proposal (RFP) update: The RFP process is underway with three proponents on the G2K alignment. We have now received three bids and now undertaking an assessment process to shortlist a preferred proponent. An announcement of the preferred proponent is anticipated in late 2021.
- ADG asked if the process will continue while the EIS is unapproved. LV responded that
  the RFP process and EIS are currently running in parallel, however the construction of the
  project cannot commence until the OCG approves the EIS.
- RT asked for an explanation of which government body makes approvals. HW explained
  that the OCG is a Qld State Government process which provides project recommendations
  through the EIS approval process and the Federal Government approves the EPBC
  process after the OCG EIS approval. This is a bilateral agreement process.

#### 5 **Draft EIS status** presented by Helen Wood

- Submissions closed on 8 March 2021 and ARTC is awaiting formal communication from the OCG. This was expected in May 2021, however, has been delayed. 870 submissions were received which are still being processed by the OCG.
- After submissions have been addressed, a report will be produced highlighting the key issues and ARTC's response to each issue.
- Next EIS Steps: Where required, the Coordinator General will request additional
  information from feedback provided through the community submission process. JM asked
  if there is additional requirement within this process that the EIS will go back for public
  consultation. LV responded that this is a possibility but was at the discretion of the OCG as
  to whether there is a request for ARTC to do additional work in response to the
  submissions which if deemed suitable due to new material may trigger a second exhibition
  process.
- RT asked if the public were able to read the submissions. HW replied that, as this is an OCG process, the submissions were with the Coordinator General for processing and at present the submissions and were not publicly accessible. When the OCG has reviewed the submissions, they will provide a report to ARTC who will then be required to review and provide an adequate response on how the EIS adequately addresses each specific concern, or show that extra work will be undertaken to address the concern. DPM added that after the submissions have been assessed and ARTC has addressed each concern, the OCG will typically produces a report to explain the key issues raised through the submission process and ARTC's response. This is an OCG report and will be publicly available at the end of the process. It is my understanding that where stakeholders are individuals, identities of who wrote the submissions will not be available in this report.
- 42 landowner acquisition meetings have been held.
- Sensitive receptor interactive map is being worked on.
- RK requested, re: sensitive receptor map development that the Project clarify the K2ARB section, to the east of C2K alignment as the area around Kagaru covers both C2K and K2ARB project areas (Taken as an Action Item).
- The Flood Panel have provided comments which is being addressed by ARTC's hydrologists.
- IR Social Performance Team has held a 'Meet the Proponents' community event where local businesses had the opportunity to meet the three Bidders re: opportunities to get involved in construction of the Project.



- Ecology additional land based (flora and fauna) and water base field studies will be undertaken along the C2K alignment. This is to understand and validate data with recent rain events.
- Landowner meetings and community consultation is continuing.

#### 6 Engineering drawing review – Middle Road presented by Don Piggott-McKellar

- LV reminded that the Project EIS is based on the reference design and the project will continue to consult with the community with any design changes.
- **DPM** Provided some detailed examples of the engineering drawings. These have not been publicly released and will be available on the OCG website in due course.
- RT asked why the project is going ahead with a level crossing when other rail projects are
  removing them from a safety perspective. LV responded that all level crossings are
  assessed by a risk tool to ensure the proposed solution is safe and fit for purpose. The
  current assessment of Middle Road level crossing is that it is a safe solution.
- ADG asked why the timeframe of the traffic study of Middle Road was over a 24-hour period, as opposed to other safety assessments (such as Washpool Road) and peak hours were not considered. ARTC took this question on notice.

## 7 Aboriginal and European Cultural Heritage presented by Damien Morrissey

- NS shared her involvement with the local Indigenous community (Yuggera Ugarapul People). Was involved in the ARTC training program for past 2 ½ years. Provided feedback on Ashley Williams, Inland Rail's Indigenous Participation Advisor, which has given the opportunity to cover the needs of the local Aboriginal people including employment and mental health support. In the past two years, Ashley Williams partnership with ATSI, African and mixed culture groups has helped multicultural communities complete training as part of the Inland Rail training and they have received jobs as a result. NS is now investigating ways to implement the program in Toowoomba. The next training program will commence in September or early October 2021 from the Ipswich Rail Museum. The Inland Rail is an example of how employment opportunities can be addressed for multicultural communities. Suggested donating computers and IT equipment to the program to assist with the training. Thanked ARTC for employing Ashley Williams as a mentor for the multicultural community. Acknowledged other members of the cultural heritage team as working well with the community.
- MJ acknowledged the important work and value of Ashley Williams' role in facilitating Indigenous employment and supply opportunities for the project and thanked NS for sharing her insights and experience with the Indigenous Participation Program.
- DM has undertaken 90% of the studies along the C2K section. Further studies will be undertaken to complete this section, however Land Access Agreements are yet to be signed with property owners.

## 8 Land acquisition process presented by Amanda Reed and Andrew Coady

- **KB** explained that soil erosion and weed issues on land that has already been acquired by ARTC have been previously raised by the Committee will not be covered this evening.
- AR explained the acquisition process and roles of TMR and Inland Rail. Initially the land requirements (permanent and temporary) are determined via a multi criteria analysis, which is the responsibility of Inland Rail. This determines the reference design and consultation is undertaken with landowners impacted by the reference design. Land resumption conversations commence when the project is nearing the acquisition stage of the project. This is a joint consultation process between Inland Rail and TMR and the landholder. This is due to TMR having the legislation for land acquisition and use the Acquisition of Land Act process to acquire the land.



- No land will be resumed until after the EIS is approved by the OCG. Following this
  approval, the gazettal process undertaken under the Transport Infrastructure Act before
  land is resumed.
- Landowners can ask for an Early Acquisition (ahead of the compulsory acquisition
  process) to be considered if their property is within the protected gazetted corridor. Some
  C2K landholders have already requested early acquisition (if in the previously gazetted rail
  corridor). This is a voluntary negotiated process under a private treaty contractor sale.
  Some properties have already been acquired through early acquisition.
- One on one landholder acquisition engagement has been undertaken based on the reference design (as previously recorded in the minutes).
- **RB** stated that a directly impacted landholder reported to her that they have not been notified of the one on one meetings. This was taken on notice for follow up by ARTC.
- ADG asked for clarification on whether landholders were being approached by ARTC, or if landholders were approaching ARTC for acquisition. AR explained that every landholder can approach Inland Rail and request an early acquisition (if their property is impacted by the gazetted rail corridor), however every directly impacted landholder on the reference design has been contacted by ARTC and invited to a one on one meeting re: the acquisition process with ARTC and TMR.
- ADG commented that C2K directly impacted landholder's mental health was being impacted. The Social Performance Team took an action to look at more opportunities to create awareness of mental health pathways.
- ADG asked if any further correspondence communicating support pathways sent to directly impacted landholders. This question was taken on notice.
- MT stated that some directly impacted property owners feel like they are in a holding pattern while property around them can sell freely at a market rate and due to the changes in season their properties have gone up in value. MT asked if directly impacted property value under compulsory acquisition will rise due to the changes in the market or will a price be held when land was struggling in drought. AC replied that when the resumption process is published in the public gazette, the market value of the property will be valuated as at that date. TMR engage with independent valuers and landowners have their own land valuation advice, of which reasonable fees are reimbursed to owner.
- MT asked if there is simplified information available for landowners of the land acquisition
  act so that is more understandable to empower landholders during land acquisition
  discussions and consultation. AC responded that TMR take an empathetic approach to the
  discussions and start conversations early so that landholders understand the process and
  TMR provide alternative assistance to help step landholders through the process if
  desired.
- **RK** requested three questions to be taken on notice by TMR re:
  - a) Costs to owner
  - b) Capital Gains Tax
  - Severed block title deed.



## 9 Social Performance update presented by Myf Jagger

- Social Performance team are working on wellbeing and mental health programs in the C2K project area which forms part of Inland Rail's draft Community Wellbeing Program (available at Ch 16 of the draft EIS).
- A mental health partnership program has been developed in recognition of stress and anxiety some landholders and stakeholders are experiencing in relation to project impacts, and the effect this can have on their mental health and wellbeing.
- ARTC has partnered with the West Moreton and Darling Downs Primary Health Network (PHN) and consulted with Brisbane South PHN to increase access to local mental health program and services.
- These services are independent from ARTC and are accessible at no cost to the community and without a need of a referral.
- ADG commented that the program is not well promoted in the local community and the CCC's suggestions put forward during a session in 2019 appear to not have been considered and there were no minutes circulated from the session. MJ took this on notice as an Action item. LV commented the 2019 briefing ADG was referring to was by an independent third party and no minutes were recorded by ARTC.
- MJ reiterated the purpose of the CCC training session in 2019 was not to encourage CCC members to take on a counsellor's role in the community who are experiencing stress, but to provide CCC members with support and knowledge of referral pathways available to support a community member if they appear distressed by the project.
- ADG stated that an information flyer should be sent to impacted landholders and raised concerns of the IR branding on the flyers as landholders do not want to discuss their mental health with IR officers. MJ took this on notice and will work with PHN about branding. AR commented that further correspondence will be sent to landholders as well as further consultation which is an opportunity to send/ supply the information flyers.
- The PHN are doing a large proportion of the program promotion via local events and
  providing information when appropriate, local councils and medical clinics. ARTC has
  this information on the website and provides information as appropriate in one on one
  meetings with landholders. Referral pathway training is being provided with ARTC
  officers.
- **ADG** requested an unbranded flyer from PHN be provided to the committee when ready and sent to landholders in a plain envelope.

# 10 General business

- Sponsorships and donations close 31 July 2021
- The Senate inquire into Inland Rail has been extended until 11 August 2021

# Observer questions

No questions

No.	Conclusion and confirmation of actions	Action by	Due date
1	Inland Rail to send previous Actions and Minutes to the SRCCC in the week leading up to the meeting.  Dates will be added to the actions as they are closed out.	Inland Rail	8/09/2021
2	Request for the Teviot Brook answers be resent to the committee via email (previous closed out item)	Inland Rail	8/07/2021



3	Social Performance Team to:  a) Investigate status of mental health program promotion such as mental health flyers being available at medical centres such as Flinders Peak Medical Centre, schools and Community Centres  b) investigate strategies on promoting mental health support contact numbers in the community  c) Consider when Inland Rail branded and non-branded mental health flyers should be used when promoting Mental Health service.	Inland Rail	16/09/2021
4	Investigate ways the large C2K map can be made available at local community centres with C2K Engagement Team contact details available.	Inland Rail	16/09/2021
5	Investigate pop up Inland Rail C2K community engagement sessions to continue speaking with the community.	Inland Rail	16/09/2021
6	BST to send the CCC meeting presentation to CCC members at end of meeting	Inland Rail	25/06/2021
7	HW to provide K2ARB noise results for the eastern side of Kagaru (outside of C2K but relevant).	Inland Rail	8/07/2021
8	ADG requested an explanation on the safety assessment of Middle road, and why the assessment was taken over a 24hour timeframe as it may not be a true reflection of the traffic	Inland Rail	8/07/2021
9	CCC members who know of Directly impacted landholders who have not been contacted about acquisition	Inland Rail	8/07/2021
10	A follow up letter to be sent to directly impacted landholders with the Primary Health Network MH flyer enclosed	CCC Members	8/07/2021
11	Primary health network – Primary health network – Social Performance Team to share CCC feedback with PHN and LifeLine regarding their experience and outcomes from 2019 training session.	Inland Rail	16/09/2021
13	RK requested three answers from TMR re:  a) Costs to owner  b) If there cost relief from capital gains tax  c) Severed block title deed	CCC	8/07/2021
14	Next meeting will be in September 2021 (date and venue to be confirmed)	TMR/ Inland Rail	16/09/2021
15	Minutes requested in two weeks from end of meeting.	CCC/ Inland Rail	8/07/2021

## **Next Meeting**

Vue, Boonah Valley Motel, Boonah, 16 September 2021, 5:30pm – 7:30pm