

Chair's Summary

Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee

The Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (the committee) met in person at the Pittsworth Town Hall on **Tuesday 15 March 2022**.

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 Bill Armagnacq and attended by seven of the 14 members. Seven members tendered an apology. The meeting was also observed by representatives from federal and local government agencies, as well as 10 interested community members.

The meeting included a general update on the Border to Gowrie project, including details on land access, an update on Independent International Panel of Experts for Flood Studies investigation works and ongoing engagement activities. An update was also provided on the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), including the Office of the Coordinator-General's Request for Information, additional works being completed and reference design changes that will be included in the revised draft EIS.

BHQ Joint Venture, the Northern Civil Works Program preferred proponent, provided a presentation to the committee introducing the joint venture and outlining what to expect during the next 12 months.

Committee members and observers had the opportunity to ask questions of the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC). Questions were asked about a range of topics including ongoing engagement regarding koala protection, timing for the revised draft EIS and how to engage with BHQ Joint Venture.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June or July 2022. It will include a presentation on constructability on black soils and an update on koala investigations. Details will be shared closer to the date to ensure those who would like to attend have that opportunity.

Mr Bill Armagnacq
Chair, Inner Darling Downs
Community Consultative Committee