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Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee

The Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee was held in person at The Pittsworth Motor Inn in Pittsworth on **Tuesday 29 November 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 and 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 13 members. Four members tendered an apology. The meeting was observed by representatives from local government, as well as 12 interested community members.

The meeting included a general update on the Inland Rail program and an update on the NSW/Queensland Border to Gowrie (B2G) project, including details on the revised draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), ongoing engagement activities and social performance.

An update was provided on the revised Flood Impact Objectives (FIO), as defined in the final report by the International Panel of Experts for flood studies in Queensland. The update included what the objectives are, their purpose, evolution and how the project will work with landowners to potentially mitigate any flood impact exceedances.

BHQ Joint Venture, the preferred construction contractor for the Northern Civil Works Program, provided a detailed overview of the geotechnical investigations underway in the project area.

The Rail Corridor Program team presented on the progress of planning for the proposed Materials Distribution Centre at Whetstone, near Goondiwindi.

Members asked questions about project approvals and timing, as well as the impact of recent flooding events on the railway in NSW.

The date and venue of the next meeting is yet to be determined. 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**

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