Chair's summary

Gowrie to Calvert Community Consultative Committee meeting



The 19th meeting of the Gowrie to Calvert Community Consultative Committee (formerly the Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee) was held at the Laidley Sports Complex on Wednesday 6 December 2023.

This Chair's summary provides an overview of the meeting. The committee meeting minutes will be published on the Inland Rail website following preparation and endorsement by the committee and Chair.

The meeting was chaired by Simon Warner and attended by five of the 11 local community representatives, appointed as members of the committee. Three members tendered their apologies. The meeting was observed by 14 interested community members, including representatives from local governments. A representative from Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA) provided an update on the Independent Review of Inland Rail and answered questions from committee members and observers. A guest speaker from the Office of the Coordinator-General also delivered a presentation on the project approvals process.

Inland Rail provided a project update, which included:

- details of the new Inland Rail Pty Ltd subsidiary and Board
- advice that Inland Rail and Regionerate Rail had agreed not to proceed with the Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement for the Gowrie to Kagaru sections
- an update on the development of the revised draft Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for Gowrie to Helidon, Helidon to Calvert, and Calvert to Kagaru
- an overview of the property acquisition process.

No new actions were recorded, however, two actions were held over from a previous meeting to be addressed at an appropriate time:

- Committee to be presented with the flood modelling results before the second round of EIS consultation (rather than during the public notification period)
- Committee to be presented with updated visualisations and viewpoints before the second round of EIS consultation.

The Chair noted that he would work with Inland Rail to review and refresh the Committee in early 2024.

Details of the next meeting will be shared closer to the date to ensure those who would like to attend have that opportunity.

Simon Warner Chair

