

Inner and Southern Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee

The joint Inner and Southern Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (IDD and SDD CCC) meeting was held in person at Millmerran Cultural Centre, Millmerran on Tuesday 5 December 2023. There were no virtual attendees.

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.

The meeting was co-chaired by Graham Clapham, Chair for Southern Darling Downs CCC and Bill Armagnacq, Chair for Inner Darling Downs CCC. The meeting was attended by 9 of 15 members from IDD CCC and 9 of 11 members from SDD CCC. There were two new members for the IDD CCC.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide the Committee and community members with a general update on the progress of the NSW/Qld Border to Gowrie (B2G) section of the Inland Rail program.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Inland Rail, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA), Office of the Coordinator-General (OCG) and 10 community members. The meeting included updates from Inland Rail and DITRDCA about the priorities the NSW/Qld B2G section that include gaining environmental approvals and securing the Inland Rail corridor.

Inland Rail also presented about the progress on the section's revised draft Environmental Impact Statement, forward activities, and property acquisition.

The presentation from the OCG covered the process for environmental approvals and public consultation for the revised draft EIS.

Members asked questions about project approvals and timeframes, public consultation on the revised draft EIS, land acquisition, and ecology.

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.

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