



INNER DARLING DOWNS COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SUMMARY

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The sixth meeting of the Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (the committee) was held at the Biddeston on 11 June 2019.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Bill Armagnacq and attended by 11 of the 16 Inner Darling Downs committee members. The meeting was observed by 20 community members.

Toowoomba Regional Council representatives were guest speakers at the meeting and presented council's involvement in the public road rail crossing treatments and principles used by council when assessing ARTC's design.

ARTC advised it has been reviewing the project design and will release the proposed alignment publicly in the coming months. Information released will include the horizontal rail alignment, provisional crossing loop locations and public road rail crossing treatments. The details of private crossings will not be available as part of this release.

ARTC apologised for the delay in the release of the design, noting that the proposed design may change as a result of further investigations, government approvals or during the detailed design phase.

ARTC shared their plans for consultation around release of the proposed alignment. The design will be released progressively. Following a briefing to government agencies and elected representatives, the design as it relates to specific properties will be released to the directly affected landowners in the first instance. After the landowners have been consulted, ARTC will release the design to the broader community, through its website, a newsletter and community consultation sessions in towns within the study area.

ARTC confirmed the development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was ongoing and ARTC would be submitting the draft to the Coordinator-General close to the end of the year.

ARTC also provided an update on the findings of the social impact assessment.

A Gowrie to Helidon project update was provided by ARTC with information shared about the proposed tunnel design and crossing loop locations.

The Chair welcomed questions from observers. Noise mitigation, compensation, public road rail crossing treatments and a request for community consultation sessions in Pittsworth were the key themes of the observer questions.

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