

The seventh meeting of the Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (the committee) was held at the Pittsworth Function Centre on 17 September 2019.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Bill Armagnacq and attended by 14 of the 16 Inner Darling Downs committee members. The meeting was observed by approximately 100 community members.

ARTC presented a project fly-through, detailing the proposed rail alignment, project footprint, provisional crossing loop locations, public road rail crossing treatments and changes to public road alignments. ARTC made special note the proposed rail alignment and project footprint may change as a result of further investigations, government approvals or during the detailed design phase.

The B2G newsletter was distributed to the committee and observers which provided more detailed information relating to the reference design and proposed rail alignment. ARTC committed to publishing the newsletter on the website and updating the interactive map in the coming week.

Representatives from Future Freight Joint Venture and SLR Consulting were guest speakers at the meeting and presented detailed information on groundwater, noise methodology, land resources and ecology.

ARTC advised the results from the noise modelling would be made available in the coming month and consultation will occur firstly with landowners where noise modelling indicates a level higher than the target level. Information about noise results will be available to the community at the community information sessions in late October.

Committee members questioned the presenters and also expressed concern with a number of issues arising from both the proposed alignment and the various studies being undertaken in developing the Environment Impact Statement.

Lifeline training will be offered to CCC members to better support their communities.

Observers were invited to ask questions for the last 10 minutes of the meeting. Questions focused on the types of freight to be transported, location of proposed crossing loops, terminal connections, supply of ballast, and the cost estimate for the project.

Mr Bill Armagnacq
**Chair, Inner Darling Downs
Community Consultative Committee**

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