



CHAIR'S SUMMARY

The fifth meeting of the Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (the committee) was held at Southbrook Hall on 27 February 2019.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Bill Armagnacq and attended by 7 of the 16 Inner Darling Downs committee members. Approximately 10 people observed the meeting.

ARTC Inland Rail presented an update about hydrology modelling for Gowrie Creek, Westbrook Creek and Dry Creek.

The hydrology modelling for these creeks has been completed based on the centreline of the focused area of investigation. Inland Rail are in the process of discussing the results of the hydrology modelling with landowners who may experience changed afflux levels.

The modelling will be updated when the rail corridor is determined. The modelling shows after the completion of Inland Rail, no buildings will be impacted by changes to water levels in a 1% AEP (1 in 100 year) event.

Inland Rail also presented public road crossing design work. Inland Rail has been working with the community to gather information about how roads are currently used, and with the Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC), State Government and Emergency Services to understand future needs of the local and state roads in the Border to Gowrie (B2G) area and to ensure communities stay connected.

These discussions and information from the community have been fed into the design process and initial design progress indicates there may be a possibility for:

- ▶ the rail to bridge over:
 - the Warrego Highway
 - Brimblecombe Road
 - Toowoomba – Cecil Plains Road
 - Biddeston Southbrook Road
 - Lochaber Road
 - Oakey – Pittsworth Road
 - Roche Road
 - Yarranlea Road
- ▶ the roads to bridge over rail at:
 - Purcell Road
 - Linthorpe Road
 - Gore Highway (Brookstead).

Inland Rail advised the design was still underway for other roads in the Inner Darling Downs area and any changes to the roads are subject to approval from the relevant road authority through the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

The committee will be contacting TRC with questions about how council assess changes to local roads.

Inland Rail advised that several community workshops are being held to gather feedback to develop the social impact assessment. These workshops are targeted at business representative groups and community and government organisations which provide services in local communities. Feedback and information gathered will inform the impact assessment, and a range of mitigation and management actions will be developed to address significant social impacts. These will be outlined in the B2G Social Impact Assessment (SIA) which is part of the EIS.

The committee noted weed management, the property acquisition process and livestock agistment as issues to be considered as part of the SIA.

The committee enquired about regional benefits associated with the project and requested an update at a future meeting.

Inland Rail advised they are working on developing a partnership with the Darling Downs and West Moreton Primary Health Network in a range of ways to provide access and support for communities and residents affected by Inland Rail during planning, design and construction.

More information will be available shortly. If members of the community are experiencing stress, depression and/or anxiety, please encourage them to call **1300 971 309** to speak to a local, independent service, to access support either face-to-face or on the telephone.

Inland Rail offered mental health training to committee members to assist them in supporting their neighbours and community.

Committee members agreed the meetings for 2019 would be held in late May, late August and late November.

**Mr Bill Armagnacq, Chair
5 March 2019**