

## Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee

### Chair's summary

The first meeting of the Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee (the committee) was held in Gatton on Wednesday, 13 December 2017.

The Chair's summary provides an overview of the committee meeting and ensures that information is shared with the community at the earliest opportunity. The summary is a precursor to the formal meeting record, the Committee Meeting Minutes, which will be published on the website following preparation and endorsement by the committee Chair and members.

The meeting was chaired by Dr Mark Hohenhaus, and attended by 13 of the 14 local community representatives appointed as members of the Committee. The member unable to attend tendered an apology. In attendance were also three ARTC staff, a Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development representative and four observers.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide a strong basis for the committee going forward, particularly with respect to:

- Understanding the interests and views of members and what they hoped to achieve through their involvement in the committee
- Ratifying the Interim Charter for the committee
- Reaching agreement about future meetings, including operational protocols and processes, topics for discussion and timing and location.

The Chair, members and ARTC staff provided introductions about their community connections, representations and personal backgrounds.

An update was provided on the status of the project and the committee asked various specific questions about the Environmental Impact Statement process and technical aspects of the projects. It was noted that Technical Consultants are expected to be appointed in coming weeks and that a detailed plan of engagement would be prepared to align with the consultant's program and this would be presented at the next meeting.

The Interim Charter was ratified with two amendments to wording:

1. Under Scope, dot point 2, the word 'negotiable' was removed, to amend to: "The Committee will discuss and provide comment or feedback on aspects of the Project" – to enable the Committee to discuss all aspects of the project, rather than limiting discussion to only aspects that are considered negotiable.
2. Under Operating Principles of Committee members, dot point 3, the words "without taking responsibility from ARTC" were added, to indicate it remains ARTC's responsibility to disseminate project information to the community, rather than this being the responsibility of the committee.

The sentiment of the committee was positive, with members recognising the committee was a consultation body, not a decision-making body, and should be run within that context and with the intent of facilitating a project that best reflects community needs and concerns.

**Dr Mark Hohenhaus**

Chair

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