



# **LOCKYER VALLEY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Postmans Ridge

15 October 2019

# AGENDA ITEMS

NO.	AGENDA	TOPIC LEADER
1	Introduction and welcome: 6.00pm	Chair
2	Confirmation of previous minutes and actions: 6.10pm	Chair
3	Conflict of interest register: 6.20pm	All
4	Gowrie to Helidon Project update (engagement update): 6.30pm	M Nichols
5	Gowrie to Helidon EIS / environmental update: 6.45pm	M Price
6	Helidon to Calvert EIS submission update: 7.00pm	C Matthews
7	Social impacts / opportunities update: 7.15pm	H Williams
8	Property update: 7.30pm	A Reed
9	General business: 7.45pm	Chair
10	Meeting close 8.00pm	All

# ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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NO.	ACTIONS	RAISED BY	DUE DATE
1	<p>ARTC to follow up and close out any outstanding comments on the H2C interactive map, ARTC committed to reviewing and updating previously responded comments.</p> <p><b>Outcome: In progress – 109 comments in total, 6 new/outstanding as of 11 October 2019</b></p>	CCC	15 October
2	<p>ARTC to provide more details on how ARTC is measuring Social Impacts.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Completed (included in this presentation)</b></p>	CCC	15 October
3	<p>ARTC to provide more details on the process and aspects of property acquisition.</p> <p><b>Outcome: Completed (included in this presentation)</b></p>	CCC	15 October

# GOWRIE TO HELIDON (G2H) ALIGNMENT UPDATE

# Engineering design

## What have we been doing?

- ▶ Community information sessions with design focus August 2019 (Toowoomba, Withcott, Helidon, Gatton)
- ▶ Submission of 70% engineering design documentation to local councils
- ▶ Working with local councils on comments received

## Where to next?

- ▶ Continue to work with service provider and key stakeholders to finalise the reference design (Q4 2019).



# Community update

## Community Information sessions held in August 2019

- ▶ Withcott and Helidon
- ▶ Sentiment neutral to positive
- ▶ **Key themes:** employment, noise, property value, road maintenance and flood mitigation
- ▶ Interactive map now live

### Next steps:

- ▶ Community Information Sessions commence late October
- ▶ EIS submission to OCG and further consultation March 2020

### Upcoming Information Sessions

Date	Venue	Time
Tuesday 22 October	Gowrie Community Hall	4-7pm
Monday 28 October	Withcott Sport Centre	4-7pm
Thursday 31 October	Helidon & Districts Community Centre	4-7pm
Saturday 2 November	Toowoomba Empire Theatre	10am-1pm



# GOWRIE TO HELIDON (G2H) ENVIRONMENT UPDATE



# Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) update

## What have we been doing?

- ▶ Preparing and reviewing the EIS
- ▶ Submitted a draft (70%) EIS to Office of the Coordinator General (30<sup>th</sup> September 2019)

## Where to next?

- ▶ Community information sessions on the EIS findings
- ▶ Agency and stakeholder engagement on key outcomes of the EIS
- ▶ Finalise the draft EIS (including additional works)
- ▶ Submission of draft EIS (100%) for adequacy review, December 2019.

# Key challenges

## Land use and tenure

- ▶ ~120 properties intersected (additional 60)
- ▶ Commonwealth land and key resource area
- ▶ Number of developments in planning phase

## Roads and traffic

- ▶ Operational impact negligible
- ▶ Construction traffic
- ▶ Emergency access

## Other

- ▶ Tunnel construction
- ▶ Construction water
- ▶ Spoil management.



# Modelling outcomes

## Noise

- ▶ ~3,000 sensitive receptors
- ▶ Predicted noise levels exceed guidelines at 31 receptors (12 greenfield and 19 brownfield)

## Air quality

- ▶ Modelling indicated compliance with guidelines at all receptors (except one) for all pollutants

## Hydrology

- ▶ Modelling indicates conformance with relevant criteria (velocities, time of submergence and depth).

# Other matters

## Cultural heritage

- ▶ 11 areas of local heritage significance
- ▶ Impacts minimal

## Ecology

- ▶ 49 threatened species (20/29) predicted to occur in the area
- ▶ 13 regional ecosystems (~120/100/260).



# HELIDON TO CALVERT (H2C) UPDATE

# Project update

## What have we been doing?

- ▶ Continued engagement with stakeholders
- ▶ Finalising reference design
- ▶ Lodged the preliminary Draft EIS for adequacy - 27 September 2019
- ▶ Currently updating public information
  - ▶ Webpage
  - ▶ Flythrough video
  - ▶ Interactive map and question responses - with what we know now
- ▶ Commenced value engineering review of reference design
- ▶ Commence review of updated ICC flood data

# What's next for the Draft EIS?

1.

## Draft EIS Adequacy Check

*OCG undertake adequacy check on the preliminary draft EIS material – against the Terms of Reference (submitted 27 September 2019)*



2.

## ARTC receives comment

*OCG advises ARTC on whether the preliminary draft EIS is adequate and/or whether updates / additional information is required*



3.

## Document revised

*ARTC makes all updates as directed by the OCG*



4.

## If accepted, public display

*ARTC finalises publication and places on public display (as directed by the OCG)*



## Having your say

- ▶ Community Consultative Committees
- ▶ Targeted community drop-in sessions
- ▶ One-on-one stakeholder discussions
- ▶ 1800 number
- ▶ Project email
- ▶ Interactive map
- ▶ Website – Contact Us page
- ▶ Social media site
- ▶ **Office of the Coordinator-General**

Once Draft EIS is released for public comment.





# SOCIAL IMPACTS & OPPORTUNITIES

# SOCIAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAM



ARTC recognises its responsibility to deliver and operate Inland Rail with the least social impact possible, while enhancing the benefits Inland Rail will deliver to the people of Australia at both a local and national scale



# Social Impact Assessment

## Impacts

- ▶ Severance and loss of farm due to acquisition
- ▶ Character of Gatton, Forrest Hill, Grandchester impacted due to visual amenity, connectivity and noise
- ▶ Construction noise and traffic impacts – affecting amenity of businesses and potentially deterring customers/visitors
- ▶ Acquisition may lead to loss of social cohesion and loss of affordable dwellings – Gatton Caravan Park
- ▶ Grandchester School – disrupted pedestrian access, noise, concern regarding learning environment
- ▶ Impact on community facilities e.g schools, churches and aged care facilities, by construction noise and traffic access
- ▶ Construction and/or operational noise may impact resident amenity, lifestyles, sleep and wellbeing
- ▶ Concerns about property values, leading to stress and anxiety
- ▶ Amenity impacts on tourism businesses in Gatton and Forest Hill. Potential for road works to affect tourist experiences
- ▶ Emergency services may be delayed at level crossings
- ▶ Operational noise impacts on businesses
- ▶ Increased risk of road/rail accidents, including potential suicide.

# Social Impact Assessment

## Opportunities (Positive Impacts)

- ▶ Employment of up to 410 personnel during construction, including opportunity for local and Indigenous residents
- ▶ Training and career development
- ▶ Service and supply contracts for local businesses
- ▶ Facilitate the growth of industries associated with logistics and freight terminal hubs. Improved accessibility to markets.



# Social Impact Assessment

## Mitigations

- ▶ Working closely with impacted property owners to mitigate specific concerns
- ▶ Engaging with adjacent landowners that would experience amenity impacts through noise, increased traffic, dust etc. to ensure mitigations are effective
- ▶ Working with local businesses to:
  - ▶ refine mitigation for amenity and access impacts
  - ▶ offset potential impacts on tourism visitation
  - ▶ maximise capacity to participate in the supply chain
- ▶ Partnership with the LVRC and ICC, Government agencies and community organisations to implement effective mitigation for impacts on community facilities
- ▶ Working with communities to manage impacts during construction and achieve positive long term social outcomes.

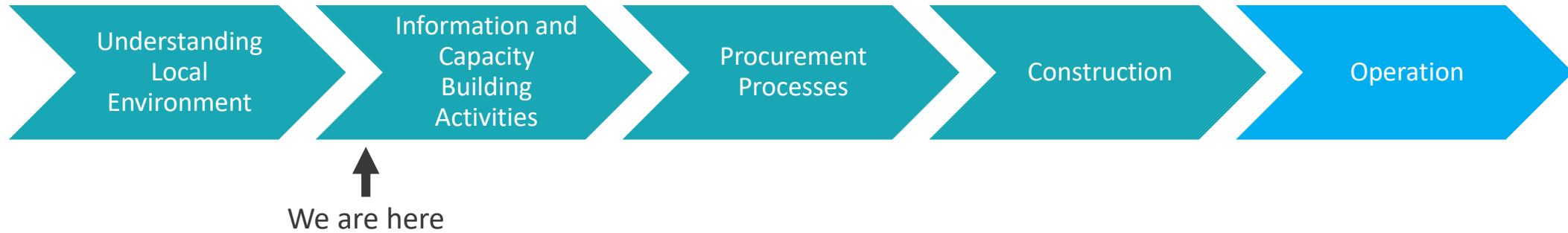
# Social outcomes

## Monitoring and reporting

- ▶ SIMP based on the 5 key social performance areas and including mitigations which will be monitored and reported against
- ▶ Individual initiative will have their own monitoring and reporting requirements through partnership agreements e.g. mental health partnerships
- ▶ Quarterly snapshot reporting during construction e.g. Parkes to Narromine

Also recognise that many regional bodies e.g. local councils, state and federal agencies, have an interest in measuring broader regional outcomes. We will work with these bodies to ensure activities are aligned to regional objectives where appropriate.

# Current Status



- ▶ Gaining an understanding of local environment through:
  - ▶ Social Impact Assessment (SIA) – H2C SIA draft complete, G2H SIA underway
  - ▶ engagement with key stakeholders
- ▶ Early implementation activities:
  - ▶ mental health partnership
  - ▶ Inland Rail Skills Academy – launched late August 2019
  - ▶ planning for business capability sessions in the near future.

# Inland Rail Skills Academy

- ▶ Launched 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019
- ▶ Focus is on creating opportunities for education, training and skills development, and employment
- ▶ The Academy will help build regional prosperity
- ▶ Partnering with the Australasian Railway Association:
  - ▶ skills training in rail construction, operations and rail maintenance
  - ▶ business participation and capacity building
- ▶ Example initiatives:
  - ▶ undergraduate Scholarships – USQ, Charles Sturt University, La Trobe University
  - ▶ Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) education.



# Mental health partnership

- ▶ CCC Mental Health – Support training with Lifeline
- ▶ Planned Community Events in impacted communities
- ▶ Ongoing access to support services through:
  - ▶ 1300 971 309 - for communities in the Darling Downs and West Moreton Primary Health Network.

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# PROPERTY UPDATE

# Land acquisition overview

- ▶ Land acquisition process
  - ▶ resumption undertaken by Acquiring Authority
- ▶ Land acquisition timing
  - ▶ following Project Approval
  - ▶ once ARTC and Acquiring Authority have agreement
  - ▶ consultation occurs
  - ▶ up to 12 month timeframe (post agreement)
- ▶ Compensation
  - ▶ governed by the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*
  - ▶ compensation is negotiated and agreed.

# GENERAL BUSINESS

# General business

- ▶ CCC review
- ▶ Senate inquiry
- ▶ Public Private Partnership update.

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## UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Tuesday, 10 December 2019 – Lockyer Valley CCC

## NEIGHBOURING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Tuesday, 28 November 2019 (tentative) – Scenic Rim CCC
- November / December 2019 (tentative) – Inner Darling Downs CCC

**THANK YOU**

