

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### Scenic Rim Community Consultative Committee

DATE / TIME LOCATION

23 May 2019 Peak Crossing Hall, Peak Crossing

6:00pm - 8:00pm

FACILITATOR MINUTE TAKER
NIL Amanda Quayle

## **ATTENDEES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT ARTC)**

Mr John Brent – Acting Chair

Mr Phillip Bell

SRCCC

Mr Robert Collett

SRCCC

Ms Robyn Keenan

SRCCC

Ms Jan McGregor

Ms Jennifer Sanders

Ms Rosemaree Thomasson

SRCCC

Mr Simon Birroll

Mr Simon Birrell

SRCCC

Mr Adrian Stephan

SRCCC

Ms Narrella Simpson

Ms Alison Duke-Gibb

SRCCC

Ms Angela Collyer

SRCCC

Mr Shane Harris

Mr Long Vo

ARTC Inland Rail

Ms Helen Williams

Ms Gail Harris

Ms Susan Lodge

Ms Amanda Quayle

Mr Matvey Klopov

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# **APOLOGIES** (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT ARTC)

Ms Kathy BaburinMs Narella SimpsonSRCCC ChairSRCCC

## **Discussions**

NO.	DISCUSSIONS		
1	Introduction and welcome from Acting Chair.		
	<ul> <li>JB advised KB was unable to attend and he would be acting chair.</li> <li>Committee members introduced themselves.</li> <li>Observers welcomed and advised of the conditions of attending the meeting.</li> <li>JB requested that CCC members email KB and let her know their number one priority/concern for the project.</li> <li>Narelle sends her apologies.</li> </ul>		
2	Conflict of interest		
	No conflicts were raised in the meeting.		

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#### NO. DISCUSSIONS

#### Update of actions from last meeting

- ARTC met with Ivory Rock to discuss noise concerns from the rail alignment.
- PB suggested CCC members sign up to Chamber of Commerce online to be notified when meetings are held.
- HW is liaising with Scenic Rim Council for ARTC to present at the joint Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- Multiple Hydrology workshops have been held with landowners and community to discuss the flood study including the base case conditions and changes in conditions
- Letters have been sent to landowners that may experience a change in flood conditions on their property.
- PB advised that letters needed more specific detail of proposed changes. AQ said landowners have been actively contacting discuss changes directly.
- ADG requested ARTC allow longer lead-times for send invitations/workshops or consultation sessions.
- ARTC to provide a list of upcoming workshops or events to CCC.
- ARTC to provide bullet point summaries following events to the CCC with key learning's.

# 4 Project Update

- RK asked if feedback at Flora and Fauna workshops would be considered in EIS.
- LV said feedback would be accepted throughout the whole project and is ongoing, our role is to understand any information that is critical to the project.
- ADG recommended ARTC promote our community activity in local newspapers.
- JB further recommended 94.9 radio station to share this information.
- JdV suggested social media, 'What's on in Boonah' and Peak Crossing noticeboard.
   She will share our info with Boonah Chamber of Commerce as she manages their Facebook and website.
- JS suggested magazines as an option to share information. AQ advised its not something C2K project has looked into to date due to lead time and cost.
- JM asked how many people attended the community consultation session at Peak Crossing today. AQ said 21 people, mostly landowners discussing hydrology, noise or acquisition.
- LV provided project overview:
- 53 kilometres between Calvert to Kagaru. Four crossing loops located approximately 10 kilometres between each other. Approximately 1-kilometre tunnel in the Teviot Range. Bridges that accommodate the local topography and road/rail interfaces and waterway crossings. Approximately 27 bridges along the alignment, after completing our flood studies and our design.
- Two ends tie into the Moreton Rail West system and the interstate line at the Kagaru end
- C2K flythrough and interactive map shows the alignment. AQ to send alignment to the CCC members.
- Anticipated completion of the feasibility design in July.
- EIS anticipated to be lodged second half of the year.
- ADG asked if 70% design has been costed and when they will know what that amount is.
- LV advised that is being worked on internally now. The current budget is still in line with the budget in the business case.
- RK asked if the budget was just construction or did it include mitigation too. LV said it
  would cover the whole project cost to construct except operations. Construction
  scheduled to commence until 2021 but is subject to EIS approval first.
- SL said it was likely that public consultation will occur for a minimum of 40 days.



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- LV said we are continuing to work with three councils; Scenic Rim, Ipswich and Logan City plus Transport and Main Roads and Queensland Rail.
- ADG noted community grants have come available, asked who initiated that?
- AQ advised the Environment Engagement and Property team.
- ADG felt the grant amounts weren't significant amounts.
- HW said the approach is program wide across all 13 projects. In addition to the grants
  the Social Impact team will be reviewing mitigations for communities. Social Impact
  Assessment (SIA) receives feedback from stakeholders on suggested mitigations and
  how they can be addressed. Through the EIS the community can comment on whether
  they feel the mitigations are appropriate or not.
- ADG said she would like to speak to the community about options for this grant whether its for visual amenity, planting trees or work opportunities.
- AQ to provide CCC information on the next round of community grants.

## 5 Environmental Impact Study (EIS) findings

- SL said we are a co-ordinated project under the State Development and Public Works
  Organisation Act as well as the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation
  Act which means we need an EIS that gets assessed under a terms of reference by the
  Coordinator General Coordinator.
- Currently preparing the draft EIS prior to lodgement with the Coordinator General.
- Informal and formal channels to have your say on the EIS.
- ARTC are carrying out consultation sessions, having CCC meetings, individual workshops on flooding, flora and fauna, one on one meetings with landowners, 1800 number, a project email address, LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter.
- RK asked if comments from the interactive map were considered as part of EIS.
- SL said yes. RK concerned that comments have disappeared. AQ clarified that comments from the first design have been addressed and removed. Iteration of the design is now published and receiving comments on that.
- RK felt the responses on the first round were not very specific and repeated. SL said
  this was due to ARTC not having technical results in to give specific responses. We are
  providing more detail now the studies have occurred.
- GH said one of our criticisms has been we have gone out too early with consultation. Trying to provide people with awareness but not having answers for their questions.
- RK asked if cutting depths could be added on the map like the bridge heights are. LV
  said we could but the map will be too busy with detail. This information can be provided
  if requested separately
- SL provided OCG website where submissions can be made.
- Focus now is to complete our technical reporting to get EIS lodged. Currently have an early draft, we are fine-tuning in line with our consultation, impact assessments and mitigation too.
- AIR: ARTC are generally compliant with emissions exceeding standardised criteria, particularly in the large particulates and totally suspended particles (heavy dust). Air quality specialists have evaluated the risk associated with dust particulates getting into tanks and their assessment is they are well within water quality guidelines.
- Landscape and visual amenity: Our specialists have identified two significant impacts from a landscape perspective.
- JM why only two? When there are so many embankments and bridges. What is the criteria for significant?
- SL said she will take an action and come back to the CCC.
- JM requested a visualisation for Mount Flinders Road. SL took an action to check if this
  exists.
- Traffic: looking at impact that sits during the construction phase because that is when



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we have the most trucks, the most machinery being moved.

- ADG asked if the rail line will be fenced. LV said yes.
- SB asked if we could plant along the embankments as to hide the alignment as the trees grow. SL said this is an option ARTC are reviewing.
- JM said the project won't approve noise barriers.
- JB suggested CCC members review previous infrastructure projects and see what governments have accepted in the past such as noise barriers etc.
- SB said its not unusual to see freeways have noise barriers or plants along embankments.
- Flora and Fauna: We are reviewing habitat loss, fauna species, injury and mortality, reduction in biological viability of soils, displacement.
- Surface water and hydrology: We are looking at changes to the existing flood regime increased surface water turbidity and sedimentation and changes to surface water chemistry.
- All the drop-in sessions have technical specialists for these areas.
- Groundwater: issues with groundwater being discharged into surface water. Our tunnel
  through the Teviot Range would have groundwater coming out of that. Need to make
  sure that's appropriately treated. Potential for impact in terms of loss of registered
  groundwater bores. There's potential for some groundwater contamination during
  construction; this can be managed through good practice, making sure things are stored
  in bins; making sure vehicle equipment is well-maintained.
- ADG asked about unregistered bores. SL encouraged the CCC to advise people that if that have unregistered bores to notify the project team.
- LV added that ARTC are also interested in irrigation or private services that people may have. We are gathering information where there is any impact to the land.
- Land resources: managing soil and land, we have identified UXO as an issue on Calvert to Kagaru alignment.
- SB asked if fire ants sit under land resources, SL said under Flora and Fauna.
- European and Aboriginal cultural heritage: our terms of reference requirements are to achieve a cultural heritage management plan and sign off on that with the traditional owners, which we have already done. From a European heritage perspective some values have been identified within the study area. And the technical specialists have identified that those impacts are generally manageable. A lot of these European heritage interests can actually be relocated to museums, documented/photographed etc.
- AC asked which museums are they relocated to? SL said she would take an action to find out.
- SB asked who can see the Cultural Heritage Management Plan? SL said it was a private document to keep artefacts protected.
- Waste: we have got a lot of cut and fill and we need to work out where that spoil goes.
   Additionally, there will be vegetation cleared. So we have identified a number of local waste sites and MK is also working on how to manage this waste.
- Land use and tenure: covers change in tenure, the loss of property, the change in land use as a result of potential severance, impacts on property accessibility.
- ADG asked if some of our road reserves were old stock routes. SL said there are no known stock routes on C2K besides one in the Teviot Range.
- SL said OCG will require ARTC to place advertisements in the paper to notify when the EIS is up for public submission.
- ADG said November/December is not a suitable time for comments to be made. SL said they will tend to avoid school holidays.

#### 6 Noise



#### NO. DISCUSSIONS

- SH commented on the visual impact of projects and said detailed design and construction is where this really gets looked at. Often projects receive conditions on a project and that then weave into the design, landscaping being one of them.
- Habitualisation of noise: Research shows that when we have moderate levels of noise, and "moderate" is around the 60- 65 dB mark; That over time people got used to it; people living next to highways did get used to it. When noise was 74dB or above people didn't get used to it.
- ARTC is working towards 60dB during the day and 55dB in the night. This is due to
  noise being more tolerable during the day whilst people want to sleep at night. 80dB is
  not acceptable levels of noise. Talking out loud now I would be 80dB.
- RK asked about cumulative effects of noise and vibration.
- SH said we look at vibration when we are reviewing the noise studies as vibration translates to frequency.
- Max noise levels are when there is a tendency for sleep disturbance.
- RK asked how long a 2 kilometre train takes to pass? SH said approximately 2-3 minutes.
- RK asked as what point does it become acceptable to hear loud noise every half hour?
- ADG said that is 10% of your day.
- SH said this is why ARTC are placing noise level acceptances of 60db per day and 55dB per night which is lower than Queensland requirements.
- RK said what about where there is different topography. SH said the noise levels still apply.
- SH said there were currently 47 receptors identified as having possible noise exceedances from Calvert to Kagaru.
- RC asked about noise levels on a passing loop. SH said passing loops, bridges, crossings are all included in our noise monitoring assessment.
- Question came from CCC regarding noise impacting cows, chickens, birdlife etc. SH said the environmental team are looking at working with a local university to explore this further.
- JS asked how does ARTC trains compare with the noise of an ordinary goods train at the moment, a diesel goods train? SH said this depends on the train and the railway but we are using extensive research and data, a lot from Transport NSW to determine the figures we have come up with.
- Question from CCC member asking what type of sleepers ARTC are using? SH said concrete sleepers.
- SH said we were asked last meeting the number of houses within the 1km radius of the alignment and its approx. 1,000. ARTC are reviewing up to 2km for noise levels.

## 7 Social Impact

- HW outlined key areas of focus for the SIA are: property impacts, Reduced community cohesion and possible conflict, Amenity impact, Traffic delays during construction particularly around concerns of emergency services, Level crossings, the draw on trades and the construction labour, disruption of connectivity of the Boonah to Ipswich trail and the Flinders Peak Conservation Park.
- ARTC will develop a Social Impact Management Plan which covers five key categories.
- Workforce: can local communities participate and what skills are required to do so?
   Future proofing schools to help in the local areas.
- Local and Indigenous business participation: building capacity in the local market.
   ARTC are building requirements into the contracts to ensure specific targets of local hires are made.
- Housing and accommodation: making sure that the project doesn't negatively impact communities due to increased rent rises. This tends to happen when camps are required however a lot of the workforce will likely commute 1 hour to the project site.



#### NO. **DISCUSSIONS** Health and community well-being: how the community feels about the program, looking at community programs ARTC can support. ARTC introducing a mental health access program. Community and stakeholder engagement: ensuring we are notifying and speaking with people about the project. ADG asked if the mental health program has started now. HW confirmed it has. JM asked where economic impact sits in the EIS. HW said the economic plan sits with the social impact plan and looks at businesses broadly, not individually. HW said she would take an action to provide more information on the economic chapter. 7 **Community Engagement** C2K project team are continuing to communicate with landowners via one to one meetings, newsletters, enewsletters, advertisements, CCC meetings, a week of community consultation sessions. 1800 number, website and our interactive map. AQ has met with more than 50 landowners to discuss the proposed project. MK or LV attend meetings to assist in helping landowners determine if they want to stay on a property how we can help them with the design. For directly impacted landowners within the SFRC that want to go we provide them with information on early acquisition with TMR. Significant time to include detail into the interactive map to ensure its transparent to the community. We have detailed crossing loops, locations, lengths and heights of bridges, proposed road closures. ADG asked what the white dots are around the alignment. AQ said this was the disturbance footprint. RT said she did not receive the C2K project newsletter at Rosewood. AQ said she would contact Australia Post. 8 **General Business** ADG asked about properties that have been bought by TMR, what is their maintenance schedule like? As some properties are growing weeds and looking unkept. ARTC will review with property team and come back with an answer at the next CCC. RT asked if signs can be put on the roads that ARTC intend on closing. LV said as we are still in the feasibility stage of the project and it is not currently approved, any changes won't be communicated. RT said how will the community address concerns on road closures. AQ said community are welcome to email, phone, comment on the interactive map and we will address their concerns. 9 **Conclusion and Confirmation of Actions** No. **CURRENT Actions** Action by Due date Inland Rail to provide a date for the joint Business Chamber HW 22 Aug meeting - Closed. Confirm Julie de Visser is on the mailing list. Closed. AQ 24 May 3. Send Flora Fauna workshop dates to CCC – Closed. GH 30 May 4 Inland Rail to provide update following Community Consultation AQ 5 Jul in May - Closed. 5 Find out which areas Robyn wants to discuss for cut and fill. AQ 22 Aug

Closed.



NO.	DISCUSSIONS			
6	Can Inland Rail use SMS as an option to disseminate information? <i>Closed</i> .	AQ	5 Jul	
7	Send link of Calvert to Kagaru project flythrough to CCC members – <i>Closed</i> .	AQ	5 Jul	
8	Query Australia Post delivery of newsletters in Rosewood area. Closed.	AQ	5 Jul	
9	Provide next round of community grant information so CCC can share with the community. <i>Closed.</i>	AQ	5 Jul	
10	Project team to provide information on vegetating embankments	ALL		
11	Inland Rail to confirm if Mount Flinders has a visualisation prepared as part of the EIS and advise criteria for visual impact assessment. <i>Closed.</i>	SL	5 Jul	
12	Where are artefacts relocated when found in Cultural Heritage assessments? Which museums? Closed.	SL	5 Jul	
13	Provide more information on economic chapter.	HW	22 Aug	
14	TMR to advise how properties are maintained.	Property	22 Aug	

## **Next Meeting**

Thursday 5 September 2019

Rosewood Community Centre, Rosewood