

Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee Chair's summary

The 11th meeting of the Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was held at the Murphys Creek Community Hall in Murphys Creek on Tuesday, 20 October 2020.

This Chair's summary provides an overview of the Committee meeting regarding the Helidon to Calvert (H2C) and the Gowrie to Helidon (G2H) projects. The Committee meeting minutes will be published on the Inland Rail website following preparation and endorsement by the Committee Chair.

The meeting was chaired by Simon Warner and attended by 10 of the 15 local community representatives, appointed as members of the Committee. Five apologies were made by committee members. A total of 15 observers also attended the meeting.

Four presentations were provided by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) Inland Rail to the Committee including:

- ▶ G2H project update, presented by Senior Project Manager, Max Nichols including information relating to the Toowoomba Range tunnel, an update on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) progress, ongoing investigations (Cultural Heritage and Ecology) and ongoing landowner engagement.

- ▶ H2C project update, presented by Project Manager, Chris Matthews including an update on the Request for Proposal and Project Scope and Technical Requirements, alternative design options for Golf Links Drive and Gaul Street pedestrian crossing, ongoing alignment surveys (ecological and cultural heritage), EIS update (addressing feedback from Office of the Coordinator General) and engagement with schools, churches and businesses along the alignment, sponsorships and donations and upcoming stakeholder engagement opportunities.
- ▶ Parkes to Narromine project completion summary, presented by Nelson Wallis, Stakeholder Engagement Lead. The Parkes to Narromine project is the first of 13 Inland Rail projects to complete construction. The presentation included a snapshot of community benefits and sponsorships, construction progress imagery and stakeholder engagement lessons learnt.
- ▶ Cultural Heritage update, presented by Cultural Heritage Manager, Damien Morrissey including ongoing pedestrian Aboriginal Cultural Heritage surveys and geotechnical assessments, areas of interest including more than 20 Local Heritage Places and mitigation recommendations for heritage places.

General business included:

- ▶ Independent flood panel of experts (set up by the State Government), web page now live: bit.ly/3kvzZGV
- ▶ Senate enquiry date has been extended to 21 February 2021
- ▶ Sponsorships and donations – Round 3, 2020 – closes 31 October 2020.

During the meeting in responses to questions regarding the EIS process the Chair reminded the Committee and observers that the timing and release of the EIS for public submissions was a matter for the Office of the Coordinator General and not ARTC.

The next Lockyer Valley CCC meeting is planned to be held in December 2020, specific date and location to be determined at a later stage. Further meetings of the committee will be arranged immediately following the release of the EIS for public consultation. Details of the next meeting will be advertised. Please reach out to the committee members if you have queries you want raised at the meeting. Member details are listed on Lockyer Valley CCC webpage inlandrail.com.au/lv-ccc.

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