

Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee

The 13th meeting of the Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee was held at the Murphys Creek Community Centre on **Tuesday 24 August 2021**.

This Chair's summary provides an overview of the Committee meeting regarding the Gowrie to Helidon (G2H) project's public exhibition of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Committee meeting minutes will be published on the Committee webpage 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.

Four observers also attended the meeting.

The Chair welcomed members and invited them to raise matters of importance prior to the main agenda items. Several committee members raised concerns about community consultation and in particular engagement post the EIS submissions.

There was a feeling that further consultation on issues that could not be changed could be seen as disingenuous.

The Chair advised the Committee thoroughly read the somewhat misrepresented Senate inquiry into Inland Rail report, in particular the comments and recommendations on general support for the Project, concerns about community engagement and passenger rail.

Presentations on the draft EIS topics were provided by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) Inland Rail to the Committee including:

- + Introduction, project description, approvals and assessment
- + Stakeholder engagement
- + Land use and tenure
- + Land resources
- + Landscape and visual amenity
- + Ecology and offsets
- + Air quality
- + Surface water and hydrology
- + Groundwater
- + Noise and vibration
- + Cultural heritage
- + Socioeconomics.

Due to time constraints the following were not dealt with in full and questions were taken.

- + Traffic, transport and access
- + Hazard and risk
- + Waste and resource management
- + Cumulative impacts
- + Draft outline environmental management plan.

A video recording of the presentations is available on the Committee webpage: inlandrail.com.au/lv-ccc

The committee minutes will contain detailed information and will be made available on the Committee webpage in due course. The next meeting is scheduled for late 2021; specific date and location will be advertised once determined. The Committee also intends to meet with the Office of the Coordinator-General prior to the finalisation of community submissions on the G2H draft EIS.

Please reach out to the committee members if you have queries you want raised at the next meeting. Member details are listed on the Committee webpage inlandrail.com.au/lv-ccc

Simon Warner – Chair
Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee