

Narromine to Narrabri Inland Rail Community Consultative Committee

NARROMINE SUB-COMMITTEE

DATE / TIME

21 February 2022
10.02 am

LOCATION

Narromine United Services Memorial Club, Narromine

FACILITATOR

Michael Silver OAM

MINUTE TAKER

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DISTRIBUTION

Narromine Sub-committee

ATTENDEES

- ▶ Michael Silver OAM (Independent Chair)
- ▶ Andrew Knop (Community Member)
- ▶ Alan Channell (Community Member)
- ▶ Murray Feddersen (Community Member)
- ▶ Emma Yule (Narromine Shire Council)
- ▶ Duncan Mitchell (ARTC)
- ▶ Laura Jarman (ARTC)
- ▶ Todd Hoffman (ARTC)
- ▶ David Garrod (ARTC)
- ▶ Andrew Dean (ARTC)
- ▶ Greg Carr (ARTC)

APOLOGIES

- ▶ Paul Brydon (Community Member)
- ▶ Lewis Lydon (Community Member)
- ▶ Randall Medd (Gilgandra Shire Council)
- ▶ Taje Fowler (Community Member)
- ▶ Andre Pretorius (Narromine Shire Council)

GUESTS

- ▶ Nicole Payne (Transport for NSW)
- ▶ Cindy Pappin (Transport for NSW)
- ▶ Elisha Bailey (Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications)
- ▶ Alexander Deans (Community Member – Gilgandra)
- ▶ Louise Johnson (ARTC)
- ▶ Anna Howard (ARTC)

Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting in particular Emma Yule of Narromine Shire Council attending her first meeting. Mr Silver also acknowledged the community observer, the representatives of Commonwealth and State Government agencies and ARTC staff in attendance.
2. Acknowledgement of Country	The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is held and recognised their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture, paying respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.
3. Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Silver – Pecuniary interest – expenses of Independent Chair borne by ARTC.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Knop – non-pecuniary interest. Property located within Study Area. Murray Feddersen – non-pecuniary interest. Property located within Study Area and Focus Area of Investigation. Alan Channell – non-pecuniary interest. Property located within Study Area.
<p>4. Observers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair noted that the primary purpose of the meeting was to receive a presentation from the Proponent on the proposed Material Distribution Centre at Narromine. Given that the presentation would require interaction from many of those present, including observers, it was agreed that the protocol that observers only be permitted to speak with the specific approval of the Chair be dispensed with.
<p>5. Minutes of Previous Meeting</p>	<p>It was noted that the minutes of the seventh meeting of the Narromine Sub-committee held on 7 December 2020 had been approved on 19 January 2021 and placed on the proponent's website.</p>
<p>6. Business Arising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
<p>7. Correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
<p>8. Previous Actions</p>	<p>7.1 That the JacobsGHD Hydrologist meets with Mr Knop to further discuss the flood modelling results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair invited Mr Knop to make comment on this outstanding action. <p>Mr Knop advised that he had asked MR Patricio Munoz for flood levels from specific locations and the JacobsGHD Hydrologist had subsequently shown Mr Knop flood depths from various models, for example the Mitchell Highway. Mr Knop had also request flood depths at Webb Siding, however this had not been provided. These depths are of particular interest (and concern) to property owners in this area, Messrs Alex Webb and Anthony Corderoy.</p> <p>In February 2021, Mr Knop was advised that further flood modelling was being undertaken and consequently the flood levels at Webb siding would change. Mr Knop understood that the Proponent and its consultant JacobsGHD had presented to Narromine Shire Council in March 2021 on these changed flood levels, however he has not been provided with these amended flood levels.</p> <p>Duncan Mitchell accepted that the action is still open, however the proponent is now in a position to provide the information requested by Mr Knop.</p> <p>Mr Mitchell offered a one-on-one meeting between the JacobsGHD Hydrologist and Mr Knop. Mr Mitchell indicated that the information requested by Mr Knop would be provided by the end of the week.</p> <p>Mr Knop reiterated his previous concerns regarding issues associated with the Back Water Cowl – in particular, clarification of the streams that feed the Backwater Cowl, the area of the catchment, project rainfall intensity and the assessed permeability. He also questioned how climate variability has been considered, noting that an increase of 23% is the assessed additional impact – is this factored into the 1% AEP event or in addition to the 1% AEP event?</p> <p>Mr Mitchell noted Mr Knop's comments, particularly in respect of the permeability issue. He indicated that changes in design had occurred as a result of the additional flood modelling, such as changes in sizes of culverts. He indicated he was happy to meet onsite to discuss this matter.</p> <p>It was agreed that the action remain open, with additional information to be provided by the Proponent to Mr Knop clarifying the area of the catchment,</p>

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	<p>permeability considerations, rainfall intensity calculations and the incorporation of a 23% increase as a projection for climate change. ACTION</p> <p>Mr Mitchell added that the Proponent was looking to hold the next CCC meetings toward the end of March 2022 to present the Preferred Infrastructure Report. This Report will provide a greater level of detail on the project.</p> <p>In response to a question from Mr Knop regarding release of the Response to Submissions, Mr Mitchell advised that the Proponent's Response to Submissions was presently with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for review. He understood DPIE shall respond within 20 business days, with the Proponent having a further 20 business days to consider DPIE's comments.</p>
<p>9. Proponent's Presentation – Narromine Material Distribution Centre</p>	<p><i>Todd Hoffman led the Proponent's Presentation on the proposed Rail Corridor - Material Distribution Centre (MDC). Refer to the attached presentation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Todd Hoffman provided an overview of the Inland Rail Delivery Strategy highlighting the mechanisms and logistics by which the Rail Corridor Program will be implemented. ▪ The Chair sought clarification of the approval process for the Material Distribution Centre. Greg Carr advised that the proposed Material Distribution Centre is a rail infrastructure facility under the SEPP (infrastructure) 2007 regulation and may be carried out by or on behalf of a public authority (ARTC) without consent on any land. A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) will be undertaken in respect of the project. In terms of timelines, Mr Carr indicated that it is anticipated sleeper deliveries will be received by rail in September 2022. It was also noted that the REF would be publicly exhibited. ▪ The Chair queried how materials would be transported to site. Mr Hoffman responded that rail construction materials, including sleepers, rail and ballast, would be transported in and out of the site via rail as to minimise impacts on roads. ▪ Mr Knop questioned how many additional train movements this would generate through Narromine. Mr Hoffman advised that it would be approximately one train per week each for sleepers and rail, with the ballast movements still being considered. ▪ Mr Knop highlighted potential issues associated with management of noise and dust. Mr Hoffman responded that an extensive dust suppression and system will be in place to manage dust on road ways, and ballast handling in stockpiles and during train loading. He added that the handling of sleepers and rail lines would be undertaken by gantry crane, noting that 27.5 metres rail track would be welded into 330 metres lengths for loading onto rail trucks. In terms of ballast, he advised that the delivery of material and its management is still being finalised. Mr Hoffman indicated some dozing of stockpiles on site will be required, however loading of trains will be undertaken by an overhead ballast loader. ▪ Mr Knop highlight the proximity of housing estates and other receptors in the vicinity of the proposed MDC. Mr Carr advised that a noise and vibration study with a 2 kilometres radius will be undertaken. Any required mitigation and design measures will be implemented to ensure the impacts comply with the applicable standards. ▪ Cindy Pappin enquired whether the MDC will operate on a 24/7 basis. Mr Hoffman confirm that it will operate 24/7, however this will be governed by the distance to the construction point and the materials required during the various stages of construction. Mr Hoffman added that the anticipated operational life of the MDC is five to six years. ▪ Mr Knop requested advice on the future site use beyond its operation phase and what plans there are for restoration and rehabilitation of the site. Mr Hoffman indicated that future long-term opportunities are being examined in

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	<p>association with Narromine Shire Council. Andrew Dean advised there was potential for ARTC or another commercial use of site; however, this assessment is only for the temporary facility and any other subsequent use of site would be subject to approvals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In response to Alan Channel, Mr Hoffman advised that the facility would employ 20-30 persons during construction and 100 employees during operation. Mr Hoffman confirmed these would be full-time positions. Mr Channel then queried media reports that the facility would generate 7,500 jobs. Mr Hoffman indicated that this was a misinterpretation of an Inland Rail media release and related to employment across the whole of the Inland Rail. ▪ David Garrod then provided an overview of the civil works program. The contractor will establish the cost of the Narromine to Narrabri package, in particular the mass haulage of material for the civil construction works with material drawn from the identified borrow pits and other quarries. Mr Knop requested confirmation of the use of the four identified borrow pits but questioned what other quarries will be used. Mr Garrod responded that there was no ambiguity regarding the four identified borrow pits but advised that consultation will occur with the contractor when determining the preferred locations to be sourced. ▪ Mr Knop noted that development applications had been lodged for a quarry on the Tomingley Road. Duncan Mitchell responded that the Proponent had not lodged any development applications for additional quarries. Emma Rule advised that Narromine Shire Council had recently received two development applications for quarries – these were not lodged by Inland Rail. ▪ Mr Channel requested clarification on the provision of a locomotive maintenance facility within the MDC. Mr Hoffman advised that the locomotive maintenance facility would service the track laying machine locomotive that will have the MDC as its base. ▪ Mr Knop requested advice on the type and purpose of buildings to be constructed on the site. Mr Hoffman indicated that these would include transportable offices, welding station and smaller shelter buildings. ▪ Mr Knop requested information on the impact of flooding on the site and how this would be managed. He suggested that a detailed flood routing map is required to assess impact from Yellow Creek as well as how any contamination from the site is to be contained. Mr Hoffman advised that a flood assessment is being undertaken. Mr Knop question the level of detail to be applied given the experience with other flood related matters. Mr Hoffman indicated that all diversions will be dealt within the property with the same discharge as presently exists. No dams will be installed beyond interception traps to control silt. ▪ Mr Knop noted that the site contained intact woodland with grey box and native grassland present. Mr Hoffman advised that the project has been referred to the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE) relative to the provisions of the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (the EPBC Act). He advised that an ecological investigation is being undertaken, noting that about a third of the site carries ecological communities. Mr Knop enquired how any disturbance will be managed. Mr Hoffman advised that the assessment and action will be determined by DAWE with biodiversity offsets on this site a possibility.
<p>9 Other Agenda Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil
<p>10 General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p>Meeting Closed at 11.33 am.</p>

Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1.	That ARTC clarify the status/response to the request by the NSW Farmers Association for an independent review of the Multi Criteria Analysis process used to make a recommendation to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport on the preferred study area for the Narromine to Narrabri section of the Inland Rail project.	PM COMPLETED	Senate Enquiry
2.	That ARTC provide a report on relevant road maintenance guidelines and standards to be implemented on local roads to be used for haulage during the project to the next meeting of the CCC.	KJG COMPLETED	24/09/2019
3.	That the ARTC Inland Rail Social Performance team provide a presentation to the next meeting of the CCC.	JM COMPLETED	24/09/2019
4.	That ARTC provide an updated noise logger location map at the next meeting of the CCC.	KJG COMPLETED	13/03/2020
5.	That ARTC provide advice on future project timelines to the Chair when they are determined.	PM COMPLETED	24/02/2020
6.	That ARTC provide a response to the Chair regarding the number of landholdings in the Narromine-Burroway component of the study area. <i>Chair's note: There are 23 directly impacted landholders in Focussed Area of Investigation from Narromine to Burroway. There are approximately 120-130 landowners within the Narromine to Burroway N2N Study Area footprint.</i>	KJG COMPLETED	16/03/2020
7.	That ARTC provide a response to how much water and what source will be used by ARTC for construction work? <i>A: Currently the project is assessing the potential of the following water sources: 1. Any available water access licences identified near Narrabri and Narromine; 2. Treated water supply options; 3. Deep aquifer bores. A maximum travel distance of 25 kilometres from a water source to the construction site is desirable.</i>	TR COMPLETED	03/08/2020
8.	That ARTC advise what requirements it will have for dust suppression on its new quarry contractors?	KJG COMPLETED	24/02/2020
9.	That ARTC, subject to tender protocols, provide noise mitigation budget costings.	DM COMPLETED	07/12/2020
10.	That ARTC provide details of the property acquisition budget for the N2N project.	DM COMPLETED	07/12/2020
11.	That ARTC advise how climate change has been factored into the N2N flood modelling?	RH COMPLETED	07/12/2020
12.	That the JacobsGHD Hydrologist meet with Mr Knop to further discuss the latest flood modelling results (in particular, the estimated flood levels), and Mr Knop be provided with details of the area of the catchment, permeability considerations, rainfall intensity calculations and how the incorporation of a 23% increase in impact, as a projection for climate change, has been incorporated into the latest flood modelling.	DM	14/03/2022
13.	That the Chair write to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications regarding the probable increases in costs for the Inland Rail project.	MJS COMPLETED	18/12/2020

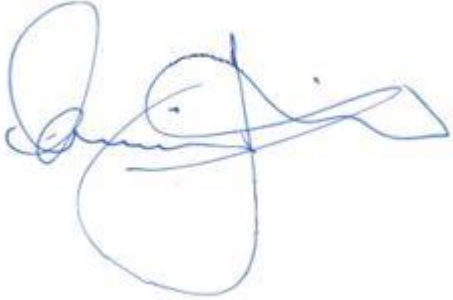
Next Meeting

The Chair advised that the Proponent has requested that the next meetings of the three sub-committees of the N2NCCC be held as follows:

- o Narromine: Monday 28 March 2022
- o Gilgandra: Tuesday 29 March 2022
- o Narrabri: Wednesday 30 March 2022

Mr Silver advised he would circularise all sub-committees advising of the proposed meetings.

Meeting minutes approved.



Michael J. Silver OAM
Independent Chair

21 March 2022