

Chair's summary

Southern Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee

The twelfth meeting of the Southern Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (the Committee) was held in person at the Soldiers Memorial Hall, Yelarbon on **Thursday 23 June 2022**.

This summary provides an overview of the meeting and ensures information is shared with the community at the earliest opportunity. It is a precursor to the formal meeting record, the Committee meeting minutes, which will be published on the Inland Rail website following preparation and endorsement by the Committee and Chair.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Graham Clapman and attended by eight of the 12 Southern Darling Downs committee members, four members tendered their apologies. The meeting was observed by representatives from ARTC Inland Rail, BHQ JV, Freight Connect, and five community members.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide the Committee and community members with a general update on the Border to Gowrie (B2G) section of the Inland Rail program.

The meeting included an overview of the Inland Rail program and an update on the Border to Gowrie project, including details on land access, ongoing engagement activities, social performance and an example of construction on black soil.

An update was also provided on the works being conducted to support the responses to the request for information (RFI) for the revised draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), including soil surveys, groundwater monitoring and make good strategies, ecology surveys and the development of the Koala Management Plan.

BHQ Joint Venture, the Northern Civil Works Program preferred proponent, provided an update on current activities. Proposed activities include Geotech investigations, trial embankments and pile trials.

The Central Civil Works Program provided an update on activities happening on the NS2B project.

Members asked questions about the Koala Management Plan and current koala genetics field survey, construction on black soil, and construction water sources and local participation opportunities.

The date of the next meeting is yet to be determined and will be held in Millmerran.

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