

# Chair's summary



## Southern Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee

The thirteenth meeting of the Southern Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (the Committee) was held in person at the Millmerran Cultural Centre in Millmerran on **Wednesday 30 November 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 and 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 Clapham and attended by seven 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, and one community member.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide the Committee and community members with a general update on the NSW/QLD 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 B2G project, including details on the revised draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), ongoing engagement activities, and social performance.

An update was also provided on the revised Flood Impact Objectives (FIO), as defined in the final report by the International Panel of Experts for flood studies in Queensland. The update included what the objectives are, their purpose, evolution and how the project will work with landowners to potentially mitigate any flood impact exceedances.

BHQ Joint Venture, the preferred construction contractor for the Northern Civil Works Program, provided a detailed overview of the geotechnical investigations underway in the project area.

The Rail Corridor Program team presented on the progress of planning for the proposed Materials Distribution Centre at Whetstone, near Goondiwindi.

Members asked questions about geotechnical investigations, associated biosecurity measures and biodiversity offsets.

The date of the next meeting is yet to be determined and will be held in Inglewood. Details will be shared closer to the date to ensure those who would like to attend have that opportunity.

**Mr. Graham Clapham**

**Chair, Southern Darling Downs  
Community Consultative Committee**

**30 November 2022**