

# Chair's summary



## Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee

The Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee was held in person at The Pittsworth Motor Inn in Pittsworth on **Thursday 2 March 2023**.

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.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Bill Armagnacq and attended by 12 of the 13 members. One member tendered an apology. There were two new committee members and all but two previous committee members agreed to a new term on the committee.

The meeting was observed by representatives from ARTC Inland Rail, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA), BHQ Joint Venture and eight community members.

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

The meeting included an overview of the approvals and construction progress of the Inland Rail program including construction commencing in Victoria, and NSW State Government approval of the North Star to the Border (NS2B) and Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) Environmental Impact Statements (EIS).

An update on the B2G project included details on the revised draft EIS, ongoing engagement activities, and how local businesses can be involved on the Inland Rail program.

BHQ JV, the preferred construction contractor for the Northern Civil Works Program, provided an update on the progress of geotechnical investigations and detailed their weed and seed biodiversity management approach.

The Chair presented on the recent alignment tour for CCC tour members, which provided an opportunity for them to see ARTC Inland Rail's facilities in Narrabri, Moree, North Star and Goondiwindi and the B2G project area.

Members asked questions about project approvals, long-term management of offset properties, roads maintenance during construction, safety at level crossings, employment figures, local expenditure and weed and seed protocols.

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

**Mr. Bill Armagnacq**

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