

Inland Rail - Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)
Community Consultative Committee

DATE / TIME

14 February 2025
9:30am

LOCATION

Junee Ex-Services Memorial Club
75 Broadway St Junee

FACILITATOR

Mr Garry West

MINUTE TAKER

Mr Garry West

DISTRIBUTION

Illabo to Stockinbingal CCC

ATTENDEES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Mr Garry West (Independent Chair)
- ▶ Ms Robyn Gray (Community Representative)
- ▶ Mr David Carter (NSW Farmers)
- ▶ Mr Russell Vincent (Community representative)
- ▶ Mr John Zannes (Project Manager, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW)
- ▶ Lloyd Hart (Junee Shire Council) (Alternate)
- ▶ Cr Andrew Clinton (Junee Shire Council)
- ▶ Mr James Coleborne (Community Representative)
- ▶ Mr Conrad Strachan (Project Director - I2S) (CS)
- ▶ Mr Grant Johnson (Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Manager – A2P (Acting))
- ▶ Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager) (RL)
- ▶ Emma Hurst (Stakeholder Engagement Advisor)

APOLOGIES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Mr David Carr (Community Member)
- ▶ Mr Martin Honner (Community Representative)
- ▶ Mr Michael Mason (Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council)
- ▶ Mr James Davis (General Manager, Junee Shire Council)
- ▶ Mr James Kennedy (Delivery Director - A2P)
- ▶ Ms Clarissa Farrington (Director, Inland Rail Program Assurance, Commonwealth Infrastructure Projects Division; Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts)

GUESTS (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1.Welcome	<p>The Chair opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of country and welcomed all to the meeting. Mr West also noted the passing of Wagga Wagga based, Wiradjuri Elder, Uncle James Ingram. Uncle James was a well-respected Elder and Wiradjuri knowledge keeper whose family have been Custodians of the Murrumbidgee Rive for many thousands of years. Uncle James has worked closely with the Inland Rail project as a key stakeholder and was a Registered Aboriginal Party for I2S.</p> <p>The Chair sought agreement for him to record the meeting for the purpose of preparing minutes. No objections.</p> <p>The Chair introduced Rachael Labruyere, the Environment Manager and Emma Hurst who joins the I2S team as Stakeholder Engagement Advisor. GW also noted that Casey Bootsma is on maternity leave and Grant Johnson will be acting in her role.</p>
2.Declarations of Interest	No new declarations
3.Minutes of Previous Meeting	It was noted and agreed that the minutes of 7 November 2024 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
5.Actions from previous meeting	<p>Bushfire safety preparedness.</p> <p>Early work: Current site investigation period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hot works during fire ban • No driving in long, dead grass and all vehicle movement risk assessed daily • No vehicles sitting idle, parking in nominated clear areas only • Fire extinguishers in all Utes • 1000 litre water tank, pump and hose <p>Construction period:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bush Fire Management (CoA E 120-121) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bushfire Emergency Plan (prior to construction) ○ Consultation with RFS and FRNSW ○ Incorporate recommendation of fire risk assessment ○ Provision of 20,000 litre water supply tank
6.Proponent's Reports	<p>Mr Conrad Strachan – (Project Director I2S) - Program & Project Update.</p> <p>Mobilisation of the Inland Rail has commenced and will be on site and in towns conducting a range of activities from site inspections to door knocks and community events.</p> <p>Mobilisation of the delivery contractor (John Holland) for the Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S) section of the project has also commenced. John Holland will be on sites along the alignment completing site investigations, early enabling works and consulting with the community. In the second half of 2025 construction will commence across many sites.</p> <p>Martinus, the delivery contractor for the Albury to Illabo (A2I) section of the project will have an increased presence in the Illabo area.</p> <p><u>Albury to Illabo Update</u></p> <p>State Approval was received in October 2024 and the contractor, Martinus is currently working through the detailed design and secondary approvals.</p> <p>Enabling works near the Edmondson Street Bridge in Wagga Wagga will be undertaken in Q1 2025, including electricity pole relocations and gas relocations.</p> <p>Major construction will begin in Q3 2025.</p> <p><u>Stockinbingal to Parkes Update</u></p> <p>Completed works include: Quandialla Water Pipe removal; Milvale Water tank modification; Bribbaree and Caragabal track slews; and, Forbes Station awning trimming and track works.</p>

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	<p>Works are ongoing at: Wyndham Avenue track lowering; Darroobalgie Loop and level crossing activation; Lachlan River Bridge modification; and Wurrinya track slew. All the above works are to be completed by mid-2025.</p> <p>I2S Program</p> <p>CS provided an overview of the I2S program detailing that property acquisitions are scheduled to be completed by the end on Q1 2025, 6 properties involving 3 landowners; the design phase and site investigations are well underway with ancillary site establishments to commence in Q2 2025 and the construction phase commencing in Q3 2025.</p> <p><u>March Major Possession 2025</u></p> <p>A possession is a period of time typically between 40 and 100 hours where a section of track is taken out of normal service to allow for maintenance, construction or other works to be carried out safely.</p> <p>Works for I2S proposed during the 22-24 March 2025 possession include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey works (existing track and infrastructure) • Correlation of signalling assets • Services locating, and • Geotech investigations including test pits. <p>The works are to be carried out at tie-in points on existing lines, north of Illabo and North of Stockinbingal.</p> <p>Cr Clinton asked what sections are subject to the possession in March and impacts on XPT? CS advised the ARTC and CRN lines from Albury to Stockinbingal are impacted in NSW and Transport will have buses running to cover XPT passenger services.</p> <p><u>Utility Relocations</u></p> <p>Utilities investigations and relocation to begin in Q1 2025, involving;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goldenfields Water relocation

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APA Gas relocation, and • Communications relocations (eg Telstra, NBN and Optus) <p>Consultation with key stakeholders will be undertaken on the designs of relocated services.</p> <p><u>Worker Accommodation</u></p> <p>A temporary workforce accommodation facility will be located at Grogan Road, Stockinbingal as assessed in the NSW Government planning approval and the Inland Rail EIS to provide for up to approximately 400 people.</p> <p>The forecast establishment period is April-July 2025, and the Management Plan is being prepared by the contractor.</p> <p>Consultation with Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is required and the Plan must be endorsed by the Environmental Representative and submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval one month prior to establishment of the accommodation facility.</p> <p><u>Lookahead – now until mid 2025</u></p> <p>Ongoing investigations including biodiversity, geotechnical, utility and heritage will be ongoing.</p> <p>Detailed design continues and the March possession will occur.</p> <p>The next major possession will occur in September. Site sheds & compounds will commence in laydown areas.</p> <p>Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager A2P)</p> <p>Ms Labruyere provided an overview of activities following the Project approval with conditions of consent in October 2024 including low impact works, development of Environmental Management Plan, development of mitigation measures and biodiversity surveys.</p> <p>Construction is planned to commence in Q3 2025 which will be accompanied by monitoring and reporting.</p> <p>Low impact works involve community notifications, access arrangements, development of no-go zones, unexpected finds procedures, biodiversity arrangements, impact risk assessment and mitigation measures. The project is deploying a minor ancillary</p>

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	<p>facility which is a caravan which is used as a kitchenette, bathrooms, etc and is moved around sites as required.</p> <p><u>I2S Unsurveyed Lands</u></p> <p>As part of the Biodiversity Offset process surveys were completed in December 2024 and reporting is currently underway. Superb Parrots and Squirrel Gliders were observed during the surveys and no sensitive vegetation was confirmed during the surveys. The survey results will be presented to DPHI for review to progress the Offset Credits.</p> <p><u>Woodland Bird Surveys</u></p> <p>Woodland bird surveys commenced on 20 January 2025 aimed at determining fauna movements and controls to be implemented during construction. Pre- and post-construction surveys will also be carried out to review effectiveness of the controls. The surveys are carried out at in plots of 1 ha and at various distances from the corridor. The survey timing and periods has been based on the number of sightings of species throughout the year.</p> <p><u>Operational Noise</u></p> <p>An operational rail noise and vibration review currently being undertaken involving taking the design and predicting the operational rail and road noise predications. Cumulative noise will be taken into account where necessary. The model will then predict noise levels at nearby properties. Mitigation strategies will then be developed, and a report is produced. The report will be provided to DPHI for approval. Once mitigation measures are implemented monitoring is then carried out. Mitigation measures are considered at source, what physical barriers may be required and then individual property treatment is considered at affected properties.</p> <p>Mr Russell Vincent asked what will occur at the village of Stockinbingal? RL advised the impacts in the village will be assessed and consultation will occur with affected owners as to</p>

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	<p>what mitigation is considered necessary. The modelling will identify who will be affected.</p> <p>Cr Clinton asked what are the inputs into the model and will the report be available? RL advised Locomotive noise, and speeds are modelled from specific monitoring as well as rail noise. Not sure if the report will be available. The modelling will be for rail noise for the full alignment and road noise where there is a road/rail interface. All inputs will be included and considered.</p> <p>Mr Vincent sought advice on the precise location of the bridge in Stockinbingal and the potential noise impacts.</p> <p>Action 1: IRPL will communicate the Burley Griffin Way bridge general arrangement design in Stockinbingal next meeting. <i>[note: at the end of the CCC meeting IRPL presented I2S Interactive Map showing Burley Griffin Way bridge location and road adjustment alignment, and the Burley Griffin Way visualisation tool, which are publically available on the I2S inland rail works and planning website;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://inlandrail.com.au/where-we-go/projects/illabo-to-stockinbingal/works-and-planning/ • https://maps.inlandrail.com.au/i2s#/ <p>Action2: Detailed presentation at the next meeting on noise modelling and mitigation.</p> <p>Mr Grant Johnson (Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Manager A2P (Acting)) Mr Johnson provided an overview of landholder engagement and councils including introductions to John Holland. Engagement with landowners and surrounding residents regarding access for bird surveys.</p> <p>A works notification pamphlet is being prepared with the construction contractor, John Holland to share information about planned works with those directly impacted. These will also be made available on the project website. Typically works notification will be delivered monthly, sometimes more often during busy times.</p>

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	<p>Community Benefits for the Stockinbingal to Parkes project were shared as an example of future information to come from the I2S project. The data shows employee numbers, spending with local suppliers and businesses.</p> <p>Upcoming engagement activities will include key stakeholder engagement regarding secondary approvals and management plans, detailed design and development of individual property management plans with directly impacts landowners.</p> <p>Mr Carter indicated he thought the property management plans had already been done. GJ said the plans are an active, evolving document. The base plans are developed and will be further populated with information and agreement during the detailed design phase and subsequent construction phase.</p>
7.General Business	<p>Mr Vincent raised concern about the deterioration that is occurring at the Stockinbingal Railway Station. GJ indicated that it is a TfNSW asset managed by ARTC, not IRPL. This has been referred to ARTC who are responsible for maintenance and repair.</p> <p>Mr Carter asked if the contractor has resolved the water supply for the project? CS advised they are in discussion with property owners. No details are available as yet.</p> <p>Mr Carter asked about the status of the Crown Road associated with LX11390? CS advised there no road upgrades associated although it may be used during construction.</p> <p>The Chair introduced a feedback session and asked members what they were hearing their respective communities that IRPL need to address.</p> <p>Members provided the following feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finer details of the project are not fully understood in some communities • In Stockinbingal, the rail changes and the location of the bridge and traffic management are not fully understood by the community • Planned changes to levee system and water flows in the village of Stockinbingal are not fully understood from both the IR project and the local council. • Impact of noise on property owners outside the immediate corridor, that is, adjoining landowners.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter circulation may need review • Location of the temporary workers accommodation and the impact on Stockinbingal. <p>Action 3: Review distribution of project communications (e.g. newsletter sign-up push)</p> <p>Action 4: Provide a link to the EIS assessment of the workers accommodation to all members</p> <p>GJ displayed the interactive map from the I2S Project Website which shows the planned changes in Stockinbingal. Link to interactive map below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://maps.inlandrail.com.au/i2s#/
8. Conclusions	Meeting closed at 10.45am

Actions

NO	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	IRPL to present to the CCC the general arrangement design of the Burley Griffin Way bridge in Stockinbingal	CS	Next Meeting
2	IRPL to provide detailed presentation on noise modelling and mitigation	CS / RL	Next Meeting
3	IRPL review project communication methods	GJ	Ongoing
4	Provide all CCC members link to EIS assessment of the workers accommodation	GW	28 Feb 2025

Next Meeting

8 May 2025 @ Cootamundra TBC