

MEETING MINUTES



Inland Rail - Albury to Illabo (A2I)
Community Consultative Committee
Albury Sub-Committee

DATE / TIME

13 February 2025
9:00am

LOCATION

Library Museum Kiewa St, Albury

FACILITATOR

Mr Garry West

MINUTE TAKER

Mr Garry West

DISTRIBUTION

Albury to Illabo CCC

ATTENDEES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Mr Garry West (Independent Chair) (GW)
- ▶ Mr Michael Oliver (Greater Hume Council)
- ▶ Mr David Christy (Albury City Council)
- ▶ Mr Dennis Toohey (Border Rail Action Committee)
- ▶ Mr Les Fraser (Culcairn Development Committee)
- ▶ Ms Kellie Penfold (Henty Development Committee)
- ▶ Bill McDonnell (NSW Farmers)
- ▶ Mr John Zannes (Project Manager, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW)
- ▶ Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I / S2P) (MC)
- ▶ Grant Johnson (Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Manager – A2P (Acting) (GJ)
- ▶ Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager – A2P) (RL)
- ▶ Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead - A2I) (KH)

APOLOGIES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Mr David Tidey (Albury Business Connect)
- ▶ Ms Clarissa Farrington (Director, Inland Rail Program Assurance, Commonwealth Infrastructure Projects Division, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts)
- ▶ Mr James Kennedy (Delivery Director- A2P)
- ▶ Cr Kevin Mack (Albury City Council)

GUESTS (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1. Welcome & Introductions	The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all to the meeting. The Chair sought agreement for him to record the meeting for the purpose of preparing minutes. No objections.
2. Apologies	As Above
3. Declarations of Interest	No new declarations
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting	It was noted and agreed that the minutes of 6 November 2024 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
5. Actions from previous minutes	Addressed in presentation
6. Proponent's Reports	<p>Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I/S2P) Program & Project Update.</p> <p>Increased mobilisation of Inland Rail team has commenced and there will be more visibility of Inland Rail on sites and in towns conducting a range of activities from site inspections to door knocks and community events.</p> <p>Mobilisation of the Contractor (Martinus) has also commenced. Martinus will be on sites along the alignment completing early enabling works and consulting with the community. In the second half of 2025 construction will commence across many sites.</p> <p>Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)</p> <p>Ongoing investigations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity investigations • Geotechnical investigations • Utility investigations • Heritage investigations <p>Detailed design is progressing, and preparation has commenced for the March possession (22-24 March). Works include: survey works,</p>

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	<p>correlation of signalling assets, services locating, and Geotech investigations.</p> <p>Laydown compounds establishment has commenced.</p> <p>Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P) Completed works include: Quandialla Water Pipe removal; Milvale Water tank modification; Bribbaree and Caragabal track slews; and, Forbes Station awning trimming and track works. Works are ongoing at: Wyndham Avenue track lowering; Daroobalgie Loop and level crossing activation; Lachlan River Bridge modification; and Wirrinya track slew. All the above works are to be completed by mid-2025.</p> <p>A2I Program MC provided an overview of the A2I program detailing the works to be undertaken as part of the program and the timeframes for each activity with all works scheduled to be completed by Q2 2027. (see presentation)</p> <p>A2I Project Update The A2I/S2P Construction Contractor, Martinus, is working through Secondary Environmental Approvals and detailed design. The NSW State Design review Panel (SDRP) is reviewing the designs. The 5th SDRP session was held on 12 December 2024 and the IR team are continuing to work with them. The detailed design phase is progressing with 20 design and 13 signalling packages across the A2I alignment. The meeting saw visualisations of some of the projects.</p> <p>Lookahead to June 2025 Quarter 1 2025 activities include site establishment works in Wagga Wagga along with enabling utility works in the Pearson Street Bridge precinct and the Edmondson Street Bridge precinct incorporating Mothers and Cassidy Pedestrian Bridge precincts. The March Possession sites being considered include yard clearances at Table Top, Henty, Yerong Creek, The Rock, Harefield and Junee, the Olympic Highway underbridge and the Junee to Illabo clearances. Quarter 2 2025 will see the launch of construction and the continuation of enabling works.</p>

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	<p>Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager A2P)Ms Labruyere provided an overview of activities following the Project approval with conditions of consent in October 2024 including low impact works, development of Stage A Environmental Management Plan, development of mitigation measures and biodiversity offsetting.</p> <p>Currently Stage A construction has commenced along with monitoring & reporting as well Stage B Environmental Management Plans.</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>Operational noise mitigation measures are under development to be followed by community consultation commencing mid 2025.</p> <p>Operational noise and vibration monitoring has been carried out to refine the model. Monitoring is carried out at various distances from the track to assess how noise travels from the track to receivers and data from locomotives noise outputs at various speeds has been incorporated into the noise model.</p> <p>Albury Precinct Traffic & Pedestrian Access</p> <p>Construction Traffic Management Plans have been produced and are under review. The Albury works are scheduled to commence mid 2025. During this time the Albury Station Pedestrian Bridge will be inaccessible for 24 months, however access to the station will be maintained throughout the construction works.</p> <p>Murray River Bridge – Traffic and Pedestrian Access</p>

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	<p>Investigations into the location of a laydown and compound area are being undertaken having consideration of the location of residential properties, ecological habits and heritage sites.</p> <p>Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2I) - Community Update.</p> <p>The engagement team continue to work with Councils and Key stakeholders along the alignment. Monthly monitoring meetings are now occurring with Martinus and Councils. Neighbourhood drop-in information sessions will be included in the engagement activities.</p> <p>Martinus are planning 'Meet the Contractor' events in Wagga on 10 April and Albury on 8 May.</p> <p>IRPL First Nation Partnerships</p> <p>IRPL partnered with the Clontarf and Stars Foundations during 2024 and plan to continue into 2025 creating a legacy by offering a number of IR Skills Academy initiatives. Engagement is planned by participating in events through the year.</p> <p>The Stars Foundation was established in 2015 which mentors and empowers thousands of First Nations girls and young women in primary and secondary schools operating across all mainland states and the Northern Territory. Stars operates on a full-time basis within partner schools and from culturally safe, nurturing environment in a dedicated 'Stars Room'. The program is run at James Fallon High School in Albury.</p> <p>Inland Rail Skills Academy held a course at Albury's James Fallon High School with young women of the Stars Foundation to highlight the requirements for a career in rail and construction. The course also offered a potential employment route towards future employment in the industry. The course was delivered on behalf of IR by Yakka Training. The Inland Rail video of the Stars Academy was shown to CCC members.</p> <p>Works notifications are prepared by the construction contractor, Martinus sharing information about planned works with those directly impacted. These are dual branded with Inland Rail and will also be</p>

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	made available on the project website. Typically works notification will be delivered monthly, sometimes more often during busy times.
7. General Business	<p>Mr Toohey observed he has been impressed with the Inland Rail videos promoting rail crossing safety. He also asked if changes were planned to the Harris Gate crossing and the pedestrian steps of the Harol Mair bridge. Mr John Zannes noted that no change is planned and it is outside the IR project brief.</p> <p>Mr Toohey referred to the Lachlan River Bridge story and believed a similar story needs to be told for the Murray River Bridge in Albury. Mr Christy agreed and referred to the need for ‘before and after’ archival recording.</p> <p>Mr Toohey asked if the project studies take into account Climate Change Risk Assessment in light of the recent significant rain events. MC assured Mr Toohey the EIS considered climate change assessments.</p> <p>Mr Toohey commended IRPL on the excellent informative videos requesting they be preserved for future public viewing.</p>
8. Conclusion	Meeting closed at 10.15am

Actions

Nil

Next Meeting

7 May 2025 TBC