

MEETING MINUTES

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

DATE / TIME

7 May 2025
9:00am

LOCATION

Library Museum Kiewa St, Albury

FACILITATOR

Mr Garry West

MINUTE TAKER

Mr Garry West

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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)
- ▶ Ms Kellie Penfold (Henty Development Committee)
- ▶ Mr Bill McDonnell (NSW Farmers)
- ▶ Mr Glen Robinson (Albury Business Connect – Alternate)
- ▶ Mr John Zannes (Project Manager, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW)
- ▶ Cr Kevin Mack (Albury City Council)
- ▶ Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I / S2P) (MC)
- ▶ Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager – A2P) (RL)
- ▶ Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead - A2I) (KH)
- ▶ Mr James Kennedy (Delivery Director- A2P) (JK)
- ▶ Ms Susan Kay (Program Principal Advisor) (SK)
- ▶ Ms Clarissa Farrington (Director, Inland Rail Program Assurance, Commonwealth Infrastructure Projects Division, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts) (CF)
- ▶ Mr James Bishop (Project Manager, Inland Rail Assurance) (JB)

APOLOGIES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Mr David Tidey (Albury Business Connect)
- ▶ Mr Les Fraser (Culcairn Development Committee)
- ▶ Grant Johnson (Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Manager – A2P (Acting) (GJ)

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 James Kennedy (Project Director – A2I/S2P) Program Update Mr Kennedy provided highlights of the Annual Sustainability Report 2023-2024.</p> <p>Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S) Ongoing investigations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity investigations • Geotechnical investigations • Utility investigations • Heritage investigations <p>Detailed design and consultation is progressing. Site sheds/compounds & laydown establishment is underway. Laydown compounds establishment has commenced.</p> <p>Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P) Closing out Darroobalgie Loop, Wyndham Ave and Lachlan River Bridge Ongoing works at Wirrinya (track slew) Surveying and design checks of power poles All works are scheduled to be completed by mid-2025</p>

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	<p>Beveridge to Albury (B2A) Update</p> <p>Tranche 1 – first 4 sites in Victoria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March – Project completion at Glenrowan and pedestrian underpass opened in Wangaratta • April – Seymour-Avenel Road opens to public, and first trains stop at the new Wangaratta station platform <p>Tranche 2 – remaining 8 sites in Victoria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the last 6 months community engagement for preliminary design on all 8 sites • Site establishment and early works commenced across all Tranche 2 sites • May – major construction commenced in Euroa <p>Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director A2I/S2P) - Project Update</p> <p>A2I Program</p> <p>Mr Clark 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</p> <p>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 6th SDRP session was held recently, and the IR team are continuing to work with them. A2I are moving from Construction Stage A to Stage B.</p> <p>Enabling works and site compound establishment are continuing around Edmondson Street, Kildare College, Bomen, Junee and Illabo.</p> <p>Albury site establishment to begin in Q3 2025 together with major construction.</p> <p>March Possession</p> <p>The March Possession occurred from 6pm on Friday 21 March to 6pm on Monday 24 March. Site establishment and construction works across multiple sites in Junee to Illabo section of A2I were completed over this period as well as other works in S2P.</p> <p>Works included - track works, drainage works and track formation reconstruction.</p>

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	<p>May Possession Works occurring from Junee to Illabo from 6am on Saturday 3 May until 3am on Monday 5 May 2025.</p> <p>Works being completed were delivery of materials and equipment to sites, drainage works including culvert extensions, track related excavation works, track slew and tamping activities.</p> <p>ACTION: Share link of time lapse of track lower undertaken at Wyndham Avenue Bridge Forbes, September 2024 https://youtu.be/sC3vkBZkojU?si=_DoouR_1IWqRDPSL</p> <p>Design Progress Mr Clark reported clearance sites are 96% complete, Junee to Illabo design is 100% complete, Albury sites are 87% completed, Wagga sites are 89% completed and Junee sites are 81% completed.</p> <p>Looking ahead to September 2025 Mr Clark advised Q2 will see a continuation of enabling works, continuing Junee to Illabo works, May track possession and commence some mobilisation to Albury precinct. Q3 will include a September possession, planned demolition of Edmondson Street (Wagga) and Kemp Street (Junee) bridges, commence site compound facilities in Albury and commence works in Albury precinct – the Albury Station and Billy Hughes Bridge.</p> <p>Q Mr Bill McDonnell: How many people will move down from Parkes to Albury. Concern about cumulative impact with the Hume Link Project. Mr Clark advised approx. 20 permanent people from Martinus, and 200-250 construction workers at the peak of activity. Wagga numbers will be similar, but they will be spread between Wagga and Junee. Mr Oliver advised Inland Rail presented to the Regional Emergency Management Committee on the impact of the various projects that are underway in the region. Ms Farrington highlighted the committee previously established by Ms Hardy in a previous role that reviewed all major infrastructure projects and their impacts in the region. Mr Zannes indicated the feedback from the S2P communities was that Martinus is very good at consultation and respecting the local community.</p>

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	<p>Q Mr Michael Oliver asked when the works are scheduled for Culcairn?</p> <p>Mr Clark advised currently targeting August 2025 and the September Possession. The S2P experience is also that many external contractors will bring in their own accommodation rather than overloading the local supply.</p> <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 the Stage A Environmental Management Plan, development of mitigation measures and biodiversity offsetting.</p> <p>Currently Stage A construction (for Wagga/Junee-Illabo) has commenced. Low impact works assessments and the Stage B Environmental Management Plans are under development for other areas and include works outside of the Stage A scope.</p> <p>Heritage and urban design The Heritage Interpretation Plan has been approved by DPHI. This plan is linked to the Urban Design and Landscape Plan and is a corridor wide approach, involving re-use of salvaged materials including inclusion in landscape features, interpretive signage, inclusion in functional elements including seating, screens, shade structures and the body of bridges, ground plane elements, landscaping and plantings and temporary hoarding design. Further consultation will occur as part of the implementation of the plans.</p> <p>Ms Susan Kay (Program Principal Advisor)</p> <p><u>Operational Noise and Vibration (ONVR)</u> The Preferred infrastructure Report (PIR) identified the Locomotive Noise Control program (LNCP) and at-property treatments (1 in Albury and 39 in Culcairn) as potential mitigation options. The LNCP aims to install exhaust silencers on older, noisier locomotives (C, CLF, AN, and EL). In NSW rolling stock need EPA approval except for legacy locomotives, including the classes above. The noise model in the PIR is updated as part of the ONVR. The ONVR is IRPL's commitment to noise mitigation and</p>

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	<p>incorporates additional noise monitoring, data from Pacific National (PN) locomotives and community feedback.</p> <p>Prior to the LNCP being included in the ONVR, DPHI requires an LNCP report to demonstrate program effectiveness. This report is currently in draft and expected to be submitted mid-May. The ONVR will commence mid-year.</p> <p>Q Ms Kellie Penfold asked how many properties were identified at Henty. Mr McDonnell asked for similar advice on The Rock.</p> <p>Action: Provide advice on affected properties at Henty and The Rock potentially requiring noise mitigation and the types of treatment.</p> <p>Q Ms Kellie Penfold asked if there is any regulation on how many times trains drivers use the horn? Mr Clark advised there are operational guidelines for drivers about where to use the horn. Ms Kay advised however it doesn't provide a guide as to how many times at the various locations. Ms Kay advised noting the time and location you can make a complaint to the ARTC who then will take it up with the operator and the EPA.</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.</p> <p>Martinus delivered 'Meet the Contractor' events in Wagga on 10 April and Albury on 8 May.</p> <p>STEM on Track events occurred in Wagga and Albury April 1-3 and SMART workshop tours are planned in Albury and Culcairn, Lockhart LGA and Wagga LGA during Term 2. Planning is also underway for the Henty Field days and other local shows along the alignment.</p> <p>IRPL First Nation Partnerships</p> <p>First Nations Cultural Appreciation tours occurred in Albury on February 28 and wagga on 8 April. Mentor panel discussion with STARS program was held in Albury on 1 April.</p>

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	Ms Hardy provided an overview of the community benefits flowing from the A2I and S2P projects (see presentation)
7. General Business	Mr Michael Oliver noted the number of contractor vehicles parked on the sides of roads on regional roads where the speeds are 100kph and is concerned about safety. Mr Clark advised they are governed by the Traffic Management Plans. Mr Kennedy advised that any occurrences should be notified to the IRPL team as quickly as possible, and it will be a “toolbox” message as well.
8. Conclusion	Meeting closed at 10.10am

Actions

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1	Share link of time lapse of track lower undertaken at Wyndham Avenue Bridge Forbes, September 2024 https://youtu.be/sC3vkBZkojU?si=DoouR_1IWqRDPSL	GW/KH	With Minutes
2	Provide advice on affected properties at Henty and The Rock potentially requiring noise mitigation and the types of treatment.	SK	Next Meeting

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6 August 2025