

# MEETING MINUTES

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

## DATE / TIME

7 May 2025  
2:00pm

## LOCATION

ARTC Boardroom  
20 Station Place, Wagga wagga

## 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)
- ▶ Cr Pam Halliburton (Junee Shire Council)
- ▶ Mr Rohan Johnston (Junee Shire Council)
- ▶ Mr John Zannes (Project Manager, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW)
- ▶ Ms Sally Manning (Wagga Business Chamber)
- ▶ Cr Jane Hunter (Lockhart Shire Council)
- ▶ Mr Martin Honner (NSW Farmers – Alternate)
- ▶ Mr Austin Morris (Lockhart Shire Council)
- ▶ Mr James Kennedy (Delivery Director- A2P)
- ▶ Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I / S2P) (MC)
- ▶ Mr Grant Johnson (Stakeholder Management and Communications Manager – A2P (Acting) (GJ)
- ▶ Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager) (RL)
- ▶ Ms Susan Kay (Program Principal Advisor) (SK)
- ▶ Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead – A2I) (KH)
- ▶ Ms Clarissa Farrington (Director, Inland Rail Program Assurance, Commonwealth Infrastructure Projects Division, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts)

## APOLOGIES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Mr Gavin Rhodes (Lockhart Shire Council)
- ▶ Mr Lloyd Hart (Junee Shire Council)
- ▶ Mr David Carter (Community Representative)

## Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all to the meeting.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	As Above
<b>3. Declarations of Interest</b>	No new declarations
<b>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	It was noted and agreed that the minutes of 6 November 2024 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
<b>4. Actions from previous meeting</b>	<p>Link to the Community Grants to be circulated to committee members – done</p> <p>Provide link in the minutes to the appropriate DPHI website where the SIMP is located – Done</p> <p>Availability of the Updated Bushfire management Plan</p>
<b>5. Proponent's Reports</b>	<p><b>Mr James Kennedy (Project Director – A2I/S2P) Program Update</b></p> <p>Mr Kennedy provided highlights of the Annual Sustainability Report 2023-2024 (see presentation)</p> <p><b>Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)</b></p> <p>Ongoing investigations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity investigations</li> <li>• Geotechnical investigations</li> <li>• Utility investigations</li> <li>• Heritage investigations</li> </ul> <p>Detailed design and consultation are ongoing. Site sheds/ compounds/ laydown establishment is occurring. Of note is the establishment of a Temporary Workers Accommodation camp at Stockinbingal.</p>

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	<p><b>Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)</b></p> <p>Closing out Darroobalgie Loop and Lachlan River Bridge            Surveying and design checks of power poles            All works scheduled to be completed by mid-2025</p> <p><b>Beveridge to Albury (B2A) Update</b></p> <p>Tranche 1 – first 4 sites in Victoria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March – Project completion at Glenrowan and pedestrian underpass opens in Wangaratta</li> <li>• April – Seymour-Avenel Road opens to public, and first trains stop at the new Wangaratta station platform</li> </ul> <p>Tranche 2 – remaining 8 sites in Victoria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over the last 6 months community engagement for preliminary design on all 8 sites</li> <li>• Site establishment and early works commenced across all Tranche 2 sites</li> <li>• May – major construction commenced in Euroa</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I/S2P) Project Update</b></p> <p><b>A2I Program</b></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><b>A2I Project Update</b></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 6<sup>th</sup> 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>

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	<p>Albury site establishment is to begin in Q3 2025 together with major construction.</p> <p><b>Q Cr Pam Halliburton</b> sought clarification of the temporary pedestrian access arrangements for the Kemp Street bridge. Mr Clark explained they are negotiating best way to implement the proposed busing strategy. Cr Halliburton indicated she had been specifically asked what provision there will be for those with prams and mobility scooters. Ms Hardy advised that it is being considered now, as part of the busing strategy.</p> <p><b>March Possession</b></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> <p><b>May Possession</b></p> <p>Works occurring from Junee to Illabo from 6am on Saturday 3 May until 3am on Monday 5 May 2025.</p> <p><b>Design Progress</b></p> <p>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>Visualisations were shown of the Cassidy Footbridge, Edmondson Street bridge, and Mother's bridge. (see presentation).</p>

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	<p><b>Looking ahead to September 2025</b></p> <p>Mr Clark advised Q2 will see a continuation of enabling works, continue Junee to Illabo works in May extend track possession and commence some mobilise to Albury precinct.</p> <p>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. Commence construction of the Junee train driver change platforms and establishment of the Pearson St site compound, construction of the temporary footbridge access at Cassidy and Wagga Station and continuation of track works between Junee and Illabo.</p> <p><b>Q Ms Sally Manning</b> asked if there have been discussions with Council and other key stakeholders regarding the cumulative impact of all the other projects occurring at this time. Mr Clark indicated that IRPL is in regular discussion with Council and TfNSW regarding impacts and mitigation.</p> <p><b>Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager A2P)</b></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 Stage A Environmental Management Plan, development of mitigation measures and biodiversity offsetting.</p> <p>Currently Stage A construction has commenced along with monitoring &amp; reporting as well as development of the Stage B Environmental Management Plans.</p> <p><b><u>Construction Traffic and transport Approval Process</u></b></p> <p>Presented a flow chart of the Construction Traffic, Transport, and Access Management Plan (CTTAMP) which includes the precinct traffic management plans for Albury, Greater Hume-Lockhart, Wagga Wagga and Junee.</p> <p>Conditions of Approval E133-E137 prescribe the requirements for traffic, transport and access during the removal of the Edmondson Bridge. The CoA require maintaining of pedestrian</p>

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	<p>access across two of the three bridges in Wagga. These are currently going through the consultation phase.</p> <p><b>Q Mr Rohan Johnston</b> questioned progress on the modification to the Kemp St Bridge. Ms Labruyere indicated it is planned to go to DPHI at the end May/start of June. Prior to submission, it is planned to present to Council the outcome of the consultation process and proposed mitigation measures. Mr Johnston asked what is happening about maintaining pedestrian access. Ms Labruyere advised they are reviewing the preferred options for pedestrian movements and then developing a connectivity strategy for further discussion with Council.</p> <p><b>Q Ms Sally Manning</b> asked what is the timeframe for construction of Edmondson Street Bridge? Mr Clark advised it is 18 months from closure to completion commencing in August/September.</p> <p>The approval process involved a Wagga Wagga Construction Traffic, Transport and Access Mitigation report which includes the mitigation measures, involving consultation with TfNSW and Council, detailing the Edmondson Street closure including intersections, communications strategy and detour routes. The report has been subject to stakeholder review, a workshop mid-May and final approval scheduled for early July.</p> <p>The Construction Transport and Access Management Plan (CTTAMP) provides details of the monitoring and implementation of mitigation measures, details management measures during construction for pedestrians, active transport users, emergency services, buses, road dilapidation requirements and haulage routes. This plan is currently under stakeholder review with final approval scheduled early July.</p> <p>The Wagga Wagga Precinct Traffic Management Plan provides specific details for the Wagga Wagga area from the information in the CTTAMP. This Management Plan has been issued for stakeholder review with final approval scheduled for early July.</p> <p>A Map outlining the alternate routes was presented (see presentation) which will be used in the extensive consultation program planned.</p>

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	<p><b>ACTION: When the Edmondson Street Bridge map goes live a link to be circulated to CCC members.</b></p> <p>Note: the map will also be on the project website.</p> <p><b>Ms Susan Kay (Program Principal Advisor)</b></p> <p><u>Operational Noise and Vibration (ONVR)</u></p> <p>The Preferred infrastructure Report (PIR) included concept mitigation measures:</p> <p>Wagga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 noise walls (4-5m high), 129 at property treatments and LNCP</li> </ul> <p>Junee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 noise wall (5m high), 23 at property treatments and LNCP</li> </ul> <p>The Rock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 property treatments and LNCP</li> </ul> <p>Yerong Creek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 at property treatments and LNCP</li> </ul> <p>Cr Pam Halliburton observed Junee is totally opposed to noise walls. Ms Kay noted that if a community is opposed to such a mitigation measure it won't happen, and other mitigation measures will be pursued.</p> <p>The LNCP is the Locomotive Noise Control Program and aims to install exhaust silencers on older, noisier locomotives (C, CLF, AN, and EL) to minimise noise from the locomotive. The LNCP is a source control mitigation measure – most preferred option as it provides benefit to the largest number of people.</p> <p><u>Operational Noise and Vibration Review (ONVR)</u></p> <p>The ONVR is IRPL's commitment to noise mitigation. An updated noise model based on the final project design and will include new noise and vibration monitoring and Pacific National (PN)</p>

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	<p>locomotive data and will incorporate community feedback on mitigation options.</p> <p>Prior to the LNCP being included in the ONVR, DHPI requires submission of an LNCP Report to demonstrate effectiveness of the program.</p> <p>The LNCP Report is currently in draft.</p> <p>The ONVR will commence mid-year and will incorporate community feedback.</p> <p><b>Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2I) - Community Update.</b></p> <p>The engagement team continue to work with Councils and key stakeholders along the A2I alignment through regular engagement. Monthly monitoring meetings with Councils are occurring with delivery partner, Martinus.</p> <p>Meet the contractor events for I2S (JH) – Wagga and Cootamundra March 17 and 18. Meet the contractor event for A2I (Martinus) held in Wagga on April 10.</p> <p>STEM on track events was held in Wagga and Albury April 1-3. SMART Workshop Tours held in Albury and Culcairn on March 24-27. Junee engagement regarding Kemp St modifications included meetings with Council, schools, door knocks and community information stall.</p> <p>Upcoming community activities include Q2 Councillor briefings, Martinus ‘Meet the Contractor’ event in Albury on 8 May 2025 as well as community drop-in sessions, door knocks of local residents to present visualisations. Planning for the Henty Field Days is under way as well as local shows along the A2I alignment. SMART workshop tours are planned in Lockhart LGA and Wagga LGA in term 2.</p> <p><b>Cr Jane Hunter</b> sought confirmation that the SMART workshop would be at The Rock. Ms Hardy confirmed it will be 23 May and plan to liaise with Council.</p> <p>IRPL First Nation Partnerships</p>



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	<p>First Nations Cultural Appreciation Tours were held in Albury on 28 February and Wagga on April 8. Mentor panel discussion with STARS program was held in Albury on 1 Albury.</p> <p>Ms Hardy provided an overview of the community benefits flowing from the A2I and S2P projects (see presentation)</p>
<b>6.General Business</b>	<p><b>Mr David Carter</b> when apologising referred to a community meeting for residents in Junee and Illabo on Monday 5 May and asked how it was publicised and how many attended. Ms Hardy advised it was publicised on social media and the local media and 50 people attended in Junee and 5 in Illabo.</p> <p><b>Mr Martin Honner</b> advised it is worth highlighting the major possessions to local hospitality businesses.</p>
<b>7. Conclusion</b>	The CCC will be holding meetings on a quarterly basis.

Meeting Closed at 3pm

#### Actions

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<b>1</b>	<b>When the Edmondson Street Bridge map goes live a link to be circulated to CCC members.</b>	GW/KH	When live

## Next Meeting

6 August 2025