

MEETING MINUTES

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

DATE / TIME

6 August 2025
9:00am

LOCATION

Business NSW, Suite 202, 526 Swift St, Albury

FACILITATOR

Mr Garry West

MINUTE TAKER

Mr Garry West

DISTRIBUTION

Albury to Illabo CCC

ATTENDEES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

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| ▶ Mr Garry West (Independent Chair) (GW) | ▶ Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I / S2P) (MC) |
| ▶ Mr Michael Oliver (Greater Hume Council) | ▶ Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager – A2P) (RL) |
| ▶ Mr Daniel Tidey (Albury Business Connect) | ▶ Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead - A2I) (KH) |
| ▶ Mr Les Fraser (Culcairn Development Committee) | ▶ Ms Clarissa Farrington (Director, Inland Rail Program Assurance, Commonwealth Infrastructure Projects Division, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts) (CF) |
| ▶ Ms Kellie Penfold (Henty Development Committee) | |
| ▶ Mr Glen Robinson (Albury Business Connect – Alternate) | |
| ▶ Mr John Zannes (Director, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW) | |
| ▶ Karenne Dugan (Gerogery) | |

APOLOGIES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Grant Johnson (Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Manager – A2P (Acting) (GJ)
- ▶ Mr Dennis Toohey (Border Rail Action Committee)
- ▶ Mr Bill McDonnell (NSW Farmers)
- ▶ Cr Kevin Mack (Albury City Council)
- ▶ Mr James Kennedy (Delivery Director- A2P) (JK)

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 7 May 2025 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
5. Actions from previous minutes	Addressed in presentation
6.Proponent's Reports	Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I/S2P) Program and Project Update Mr Clark provided an update on the adjacent projects: Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S) Detailed design and consultation are ongoing. Establishment of the Workers Accommodation has commenced at Stockinbingal. Low impact works, Geotech and potholing, fencing and winter bird surveys are ongoing. Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P) Major construction is nearing completion and earthworks are underway at Daroobalgie and Wyndham to finalise landscaping. Overhead wire relocations are due to start later this year, and the heritage interpretation signage is to be installed at the Forbes station. All works are scheduled to be completed by mid-2025. A2I Project Update (A2I) 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). Main activity will commence later in 2025. Specific reference was made to Edmondson Street bridge closure not proceeding in the September possession as the traffic mitigation plan is still progressing together with consultation with

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	key stakeholders. Currently the main work is being concentrated between Junee and Illabo. A2I is moving from Construction Stage A to Stage B. Albury site establishment to begin in Q3 2025 with major construction to commence in Q3 2025. Martinus have established an office in Albury, with the project team now assembled in the region. Enabling works are continuing around Edmondson St and Kildare Catholic College. Site compound establishment is to occur near the Pearson Street works as well as Bomen and Junee. Design Progress shows clearance site are at 98%, Junee to Illabo is 100%, Albury is 94%, Wagga sites are 91% and Junee sites are 91%. Construction Progress is concentrated in the Junee to Illabo section. Major possessions are planned for September 2025 and February 2026 with extended track possession as far as Albury. Visualisations of the Albury Station Pedestrian Bridge were shown to the attendees. Ms Kellie Penfold noted the Riverina media reporting on the Edmondson St Bridge delays. RL explained that the Wagga Wagga construction is being addressed in stages, and it has been decided to separate the Edmondson St Bridge from the other Wagga works as part of the Wagga Traffic Management Plan which involves a collaborative review with Wagga Wagga City Council and Transport for NSW. Mr Glen Robinson sought advice about the future of the old Albury Station Pedestrian Bridge regarding any heritage issues. MC advised he wasn't aware of any heritage issues associated with this bridge. Looking ahead to September 2025 Mr Clark advised Q3 will see a continuation of geotechnical and survey investigations at the Culcairn Railway Station and the Henty Railway Station.

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	Q3 will include a September possession, site compound facilities in Albury commencement of works in Albury precinct – the Albury Station and Billy Hughes Bridge. Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager A2P) Ms Labruyere provided an overview of activities including low impact works, development of the Stage A Environmental Management Plan (EMP), development of mitigation measures and biodiversity offsetting. Currently review Stage B Draft Environmental Management Plans prior to them being submitted to DPHI for approval. Updates are currently occurring around a proposed modification to the Kemp Street Bridge in June and planned that all Stage B EMPs will be approved in time for the September possession which will then move to the State B construction phase. <u>Operational Air Quality Monitoring</u> The Project conditions of approval require air quality monitoring to help plan and ensure environmental standards are met. This will involve gathering data to better understand local air quality during existing train operations particularly those adjacent to idling locations. The monitoring will run for approximately 12 months. Currently developing the background air quality monitoring plan to identify monitoring locations and monitoring will likely commence in 2026. Q Mr Daniel Tidey asked if the double stacking aspect will require additional locomotives. MC advised that no additional locomotives will be required. Q Ms Kellie Penfold asked if there are different types of emissions likely across different locations? MC explained most of the locations to be considered will be yard areas where trains are idling. Climate Change Risk Assessment As part of the sustainability program the Inland Rail Project is undertaking a Climate Change Risk Assessment. Two climate models were used to inform the assessment, and 24 risks were identified across two-time horizons: near term 2030 (2020-2040) and long term 2090 (2080-2100). Of the 24 risks identified, 19 are

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	categorised as direct risks, three as indirect risks and two as both indirect and direct. The risk rating and 2090 risks were tabled with proposed key adaptations together with the initial risk rating and the residual risk rating (see presentation). The same assessment is also being conducted for I2S. Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2I) - Community Update The engagement team continue to work with Councils and key stakeholders along the alignment. Monthly monitoring meetings continue to occur with Martinus and Councils. Community information stalls were held at Culcairn, May 23, Henty and Albury, May 29, and Gerogery, July 31. Community Grants have been made to Albury Preschool Kindergarten, Henty Community Club, Mawang Gaway Elders Group Wagga NAIDOC Ball, NSW Basketball NAIDOC Gala Day, Wagga Wagga Rail Heritage Association, Cycling Without Age Wagga Chapter, Eastern Riverina Landcare and St Joseph's Primary Junee. The next Grants program is now open, and members were asked to promote this among their communities. Q3 activities will see continuation of Councillor briefings, Albury Station pedestrian bridge community engagement in late August and a Table Top community centre drop-in session, as well as planning for the Henty Field days and other local shows along the alignment. IRPL First Nation Partnerships • NAIDOC week Mawang Gaway Ball, 11 July • Clontarf Employment Forum – Inland Rail opportunities, 28 July • Ross Kelly Cup Dinner – Clontarf Awards for Year 9-10 students, 5 August. Ms Hardy provided an overview of the community benefits flowing from the A2I and S2P projects July 2023 – April 2025. (see presentation). Ms Hardy tabled a report of the Inland Rail Skills Academy for the Albury LGA. It will be regularly updated (see presentation). Other LGA reports will be undertaken in the future.

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
7. General Business	NIL
8. Conclusion	Meeting closed at 10am

Actions

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Next Meeting

5 November 2025