

MEETING MINUTES

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

DATE / TIME

5 November 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)

- ▶ Mr Garry West (Independent Chair) (GW)
- ▶ Mr Les Fraser (Culcairn Development Committee)
- ▶ Ms Kellie Penfold (Henty Development Committee)
- ▶ Mr Glen Robinson (Albury Business Connect – Alternate)
- ▶ Mr Dennis Toohey (Border Rail Action Committee)
- ▶ Mr Bill McDonnell (NSW Farmers)
- ▶ Cr Kevin Mack (Albury City Council)
- ▶ Mr David Christy (Albury City Council)
- ▶ Karenne Dugan (Gerogery)
- ▶ Mr John Zannes (Director, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW)
- ▶ Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I / S2P) (MC)
- ▶ Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager – A2P) (RL)
- ▶ 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) (CF)

APOLOGIES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Grant Johnson (Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Manager – A2P (Acting) (GJ)
- ▶ Mr James Kennedy (Delivery Director- A2P) (JK)
- ▶ Mr Michael Oliver (Greater Hume Council)

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 August 2025 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
5. Actions from previous minutes	NIL
6. Proponent's Reports	<p>Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I/S2P) Program and Project Update</p> <p>Mr Clark provided an update on the adjacent projects:</p> <p>Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)</p> <p>Fencing of the rail corridor commenced at multiple locations Site compounds are being established along the alignment. Low impact works are nearing completion. Temporary workers accommodation is progressing well and has been operational since the September possession.</p> <p>Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)</p> <p>Overhead wires investigations are underway with relocations to commence in the new year. All civil works are now complete.</p> <p>A2I Project Update (A2I)</p> <p>Mr Clark provided an overview of the A2I program (see presentation). Main activity to commence later in 2025. Specific reference made to Edmondson Street bridge in Wagga Wagga with temporary closure commencing late November for a</p>

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	<p>traffic trial, including the implementation of new school and community bus timetables and routes. An additional possession is scheduled for early December.</p> <p>Design Progress shows clearance site are at 99%, Junee to Illabo is 100%, Albury is 97%, Wagga sites are 97% and Junee sites are 96%. Overall design progress is 97% complete.</p> <p>Construction progress shows clearance sites are at 2%, Junee to Illabo is 20%, Albury and Wagga sites are 2%, and Junee sites are 11%. Overall construction progress is 30% complete. Main focus has been on the Junee to Illabo track work. Extra access has been negotiated on Sunday and Monday evenings when there are no trains.</p> <p>The September possession saw track and drainage work at the Riverina Highway bridge, surveying and environmental sampling, earthworks, clearing and grubbing, geotechnical and service investigations, including non-destructive digging and the establishment of construction zones and laydown areas.</p> <p>Looking ahead</p> <p>Mr Clark advised November will see a continuation of geotechnical and survey investigations at the Culcairn Railway Station and the Henty Railway Station.</p> <p>Site compound facilities in Albury have commenced and works at Albury Station, utility work and relocation of Sydney trains carpark are ongoing.</p> <p>Site establishment and mobilisation is planned at Culcairn and Table Top and Billy Hughes bridge. Revision of standard construction hours are occurring at the Billy Hughes Bridge which require an approved Community Agreement..</p> <p>December possession (6-8) work at Albury Station, Table Top and Culcairn.</p> <p>At Culcairn, the pedestrian bridge will be demolished through December 2025 and January 2026. In Albury the Albury Station Pedestrian bridge will close with pedestrian detours in place via the Harold Mair bridge and Amatex bridge prior to possession.</p> <p>Quarter 1 2026 will see gantry knee braces modified in Culcairn.</p>

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	<p>Q. Mr Bill McDonnell indicated he had received many comments about the potential congestion that is likely to occur following the closure of the Edmondson Street bridge. MC advised an intensive media campaign is commencing to ensure the community is aware of the changes. The morning and afternoon peaks will obviously be the most impacted. Adaptive cameras are being installed so that the areas can be monitored through the control room and phasing can be adjusted as needed.</p> <p>Q Ms Kellie Penfold asked if the footbridge at the Wagga railway station is impacted as well at the same time? MC advised that station, known as Mothers Footbridge will be kept operational during this period of congestion so as to provide other alternatives.</p> <p>Q Mr David Christie referred to the planned closure of the Albury footbridge and the opportunity to liaise with Albury City Council so as to coordinate the advertising. KH confirmed this is planned together with extensive community consultation.</p> <p>Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager A2P) Ms Labruyere provided an overview of the approval and construction planning process. Stage B Construction commenced with the September Possession. Stage C Construction only relates to the Edmondson Street closure in Wagga Wagga.</p> <p><u>Operational Air Quality Monitoring</u> The Project conditions of approval require air quality monitoring to help plan and ensure environmental standards are met. Recent meetings held with the EPA and DPHI to better understand local air quality locations to conduct monitoring during existing train operations particularly those adjacent to idling locations, such as sidings and loops, distance to receivers (within 150m) and access to mains power. Both rural and urban monitoring locations have been identified, and all are within the rail corridor on ARTC land. Weather stations are to be installed at the monitoring locations which are at Yerong Creek and The Rock (Rural) and Junee and Wagga Wagga (Urban). These locations may be reduced to three in the long term. The ambient air quality monitoring parameters include NO₂ (1 Hour), NO₂ (Annual and PM_{2.5} (24 hour). The Air Quality Monitoring Management Plan is currently being developed.</p>

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	<p>Albury Heritage Unexpected Find</p> <p>During initial site investigation works, unexpected finds were identified during signalling non-destructive digging excavation works 19m and 35m north of the Albury Station Platform within the Project Construction Impact Zone.</p> <p>Unexpected Find 1 was considered to be a small turntable connected to a docking platform and Find 2 was considered to be an 8ft culvert that runs diagonally from the eastern to western side of the corridor. The finds have been deemed to have heritage significance and investigations are currently under way to determine if the works would impact on the unexpected finds. Find 2 is regarded as being too deep for the works to impact, however, works associated with Find 2 are being reassessed.</p> <p>Q Cr Kevin Mack asked about the age of Find 1. RL advised the works have been established to be associated with the first Albury Station and are around early 1900.</p> <p>Q Mr Les Fraser questioned if there is likely to be more trains idling at an area just north of Culcairn where there are about 8-10 houses. Currently the “steel trains” waits there when the XPT comes through. MC understands the Inland Rail trains may get priority but will have to check. KH advised some community information sessions are planned associated with a noise & vibration review which may also address this issue. ACTION: KH to circulate times for consultation sessions and the locations.</p> <p>Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2I) - Community Engagement Update</p> <p>The engagement team continue to work with Councils and key stakeholders along the alignment. Monthly monitoring meetings continue to occur with Martinus and Councils.</p> <p>Albury Station pedestrian visualisations engagement occurred during August involving door knocking, social media and media releases and community information sessions and stakeholder meetings.</p> <p>A Table Top community centre drop-in information session was held in August along with a meeting with the Culcairn Development Committee.</p>

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	<p>Q Mr David Christie raised concern about the impact on a café business near the Albury Station pedestrian bridge. KH advised Martinus are contacting impacted local businesses.</p> <p>Q Cr Kevin Mack asked how long the bridge will be out of action. KH advised it will be out of action for 18 months.</p> <p>Q3 engagement included attendance at the Wagga Wagga, Culcairn, Illabo, The Rock and Junee shows as well as the Henty Field Days and the Lockhart Spirit of the Land.</p> <p>During November, briefing with Greater Hume Councillors is planned along with the Waluwin Festival, Albury Community Information Sessions and Operation Noise & Vibration Review (ONVR) Community Information Sessions at Gerogery, Henty and Culcairn.</p> <p>The Lavington Jindera Little Athletics Centre were successful with their grant application.</p> <p>IRPL First Nation Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOI First Nations Artist for A2I project is now live • Clontarf and Stars Awards ceremonies in Term 4 • Clontarf Training Morning planned with Inland Rail and the contractors John Holland Group and Martinus. <p>Ms Hardy provided an overview of the community benefits flowing from the A2I and S2P projects July 2023 – April 2025. (see appendix to the minutes).</p> <p>Ms Hardy tabled a report of the Inland Rail Skills Academy for the Albury and Greater Hume LGA's. It will be regularly updated (see appendix to the minutes).</p> <p>Q Cr Kevin Mack asked if the updated final design, parking and ramp can be shared with Albury City Council. ACTION</p>
7. General Business	<p>Mr Dennis Toohey, on behalf of the Border Rail Action Group raised the request for a rest and photo area being developed into the design of the Pedestrian Bridge. MC advised the Albury Footbridge design incorporates an intermediate rest area for pedestrians, providing the amenity to rest, interpretation and</p>

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	heritage appreciation as part of the pedestrian journey across the rail corridor. The rest area is away from the train running lines, therefore, taller throw screens are not required in the planned location, and photographing can occur without interference with barriers. Trees are planned in close proximity to the rest area to provide shading.
8. Conclusion	Meeting closed at 10.05am

Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	Circulate locations and times for community information sessions on the noise & vibration review	KH	ASAP
2	Provide updated final design, parking and ramp details to Albury City Council	KH	ASAP

Next Meeting

4 February 2026