

## MEETING MINUTES

### Inland Rail - Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S) Community Consultative Committee

#### DATE / TIME

6 November 2025  
11am

#### LOCATION

Ellwood Hall  
Stockinbingal, NSW

#### FACILITATOR

Mr Garry West

#### MINUTE TAKER

Mr Garry West

#### DISTRIBUTION

Illabo to Stockinbingal CCC

#### ATTENDEES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Mr Garry West (Independent Chair)
- ▶ Ms Robyn Gray (Community Representative)
- ▶ Mr David Carter (NSW Farmers)
- ▶ Mr Russell Vincent (Community representative)
- ▶ Mr John Zannes (Director, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW)
- ▶ Mr James Coleborne (Community Representative)
- ▶ Mr James Davis (General Manager, Junee Shire Council)
- ▶ Ms Lauren Dawes (Senior Building Surveyor, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council)
- ▶ Mr David Brodie (Acting Manager Engineering, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council)
- ▶ Mr Conrad Strachan (Project Director - I2S) (CS)
- ▶ Mr Grant Johnson (Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Manager – A2P)
- ▶ Ms Eleanor Falkiner (Stakeholder Engagement Lead) (EF)
- ▶ Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager)
- ▶ Ms Bronwyn Jackson (Assistant Director, Inland Rail Program Assurance, Commonwealth Infrastructure Projects Division; Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts)
- ▶ Ms Holly Gray (Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Inland Rail)
- ▶ Ms Jenny Williams (Stakeholder Manager, John Holland)

#### APOLOGIES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- ▶ Mr David Carr (Community Member)
- ▶ Mr Martin Honner (Community Representative)
- ▶ Mr James Kennedy (Delivery Director - A2P) (JK)
- ▶ Ms Clarissa Farrington (Director, Inland Rail Program Assurance)

#### GUESTS (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

## Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
<b>1.Welcome</b>	<p>The Chair opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of country and welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair sought agreement for him to record the meeting for the purpose of preparing minutes. No objections.</p>
<b>2.Declarations of Interest</b>	No new declarations
<b>3.Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	It was noted and agreed that the minutes of 7 August 2025 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
<b>5.Actions from previous meeting</b>	<p><b>1</b> Who holds responsibility for liability in relation to private rail underpasses. CS: Liabilities are primarily outlined in the ‘level crossing and/or underpass corridor access agreement’ specific clauses, but generally, the external party is responsible for liabilities arising from all their activities, while the rail operator is liable for operational failures.</p> <p><b>2</b> Water tank availability for firefighting at the Workforce Accommodation Camp? CS: Access to water is available at the Workforce Accommodation Camp for firefighting purposes. Access for Fire Appliances Figure 5-2 of the Bushfire Emergency Plan (BEP) shows water access locations and road access to detention basin for firefighting vehicles. Fill up points for fire appliances are also included in the BEP. All work sites along the alignment have water tanks with the appropriate fittings. Fittings RFS requested fittings for tank access and the BEP notes that tanks will have appropriate fittings for firefighting use (section 5.4 and the consultation responses with the BEP)</p> <p><b>3</b> Details of heritage items salvaged at recent test pits RL: Refer to Environmental update slides.</p> <p><b>4</b> Circulate flood relevant sections of the EIS, RtS and Determination GW circulated 17 October 2025</p>

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	<p><b>5</b> Hold community information session in Stockinbingal regarding flooding EF Deferred. New date soon.</p>
<p><b>6.Proponent's Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Conrad Strachan (Project Director I2S) - Program Update.</b></p> <p><b>Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S) Update</b></p> <p>Mr Strachan provided an overview of the I2S program detailing that property acquisitions have been completed; and design is 89% complete, signalling about 65%, track &amp; formation is 93%, bridges are 90% and roadworks design is 79% complete.</p> <p><u>Three month lookahead</u></p> <p>Fencing along the rail corridor is continuing and site compounds are being established along the alignment. Clearing and grubbing of the alignment due to commence before the end of the year. Utilities adjustment is almost complete and major construction is due to commence in Q4 2025 pending further approvals.</p> <p><u>Workforce Accommodation Camp</u></p> <p>Works are progressing well, the camp kitchen, laundry and the first 100 beds are installed and in operation. The facility was operational for the workforce from the start of September in time for the possession. At peak, the camp will accommodate 350 workers and is managed by an independent contractor. The facility is designed to minimise social and environmental impacts on the region. CCC members undertook an inspection of the camp prior to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager A2P) - Environment Update</b></p> <p>John Holland has gained their Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) for the project. The Construction Environmental Management Plan is being reviewed by Department of Planning, Housing and</p>

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	<p>Infrastructure (DPHI) Stage 1 Construction occurred during the September 2025 Possession. The Flood Design Verification Report and the Fauna Connectivity Strategy are both under development. Stage 2 Construction will commence early next year pending final approval of the CEMP.</p> <p><u>Heritage / Salvage Works</u></p> <p>Survey and Test pitting has been completed in Zones 5,6,9 and 10. Ten areas of potential archaeological deposits were identified (shown on page 15 of presentation). The main zones were assessed during the EIS process.</p> <p>IR-IF-01 A single quartz flake was located along the fence line with Zone 5 towards the northern end of the zone. The isolated find is located on the northern side of the creek line.</p> <p>IR-IF-02 A broken hammer stone/anvil was located along the fence line within Zone 9 approximately 9m west of Dudauman Road.</p> <p>IR-IF-03 A single basal edge ground axe was located within Zone 6, 1.6km north of Dirnaseer Road.</p> <p><b>Q: Mr James Coleborne</b> asked what happens to the salvaged items? RL explained at this stage they have been recorded (including coordinates) and photographed and remain where located. When the Salvage Management Plan is approved, items will be collected and future options (such as burying on country) identified and agreed with the LACLs and RAPs. No delays to the Project are expected as part of the salvage process. An unexpected finds process is in place for unexpected items uncovered during construction.</p> <p><u>Flood Design Verification Report (FDVR)</u></p> <p>Flood Risk Analysis is currently being undertaken and a draft FDVR has been completed and is undergoing independent peer review. Locations of predicted Quantitative Design Limit (QDL) exceedances have been identified. A critical design analysis has been undertaken with mitigations included in the design in</p>

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	<p>response to QDL exceedances such as culvert type, size and increased allocation. Details of these design reviews are included in the FDVR.</p> <p>The Flood Design Consultation Protocol has been produced and is undergoing internal review with IRPL.</p> <p>Next step is to provide the FDVR to agencies, council and landholders for consultation.</p> <p><b>Q: Mr James Coleborne</b> asked if the FDVR is available to local landholders? CS: Once all the internal and peer reviews have been completed will be then available for consultation with the relevant authorities and local landholders who are impacted by flood behaviours that exceed the Quantitative Design Limits (QDLs) (non-compliances, Condition E58). The final approval of the document (by DPHI) won't occur until all consultation with impacted parties has occurred. The final approved version of the FDVR document becomes a public document on the Project website.</p> <p><b>Q: Mr David Carter</b> asked about detours relating to the Construction Traffic Transport and Access Management Plan (CTTAMP) and if it has been changed? CS: It is a framework plan and detours then come under the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) which are still to be developed and submitted to the relevant road authority for review and approval.</p> <p><b>Q: Mr David Carter</b> advised he hasn't seen any consultation relating to Condition E122 which relates to the Bethungra Ranges Access once operation commences. EF requested this be an <b>ACTION</b>.</p> <p><b>Mrs Eleanor Falkiner (Stakeholder Engagement Lead I2S)</b></p> <p><u>Engagement Overview Aug - Oct 2025</u></p> <p>EF provided an overview of the community consultation held including engagement with local schools, local suppliers, key stakeholders and community in conjunction with John Holland. John Holland Group (JHG) has opened a Project Information Centre in Murray Street Cootamundra.</p>

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	<p>The Inland Rail Skills Academy report for the Junee and Cootamundra-Gundagai LGAs will be attached to the minutes.</p> <p><u>Social Performance</u></p> <p>Meet the contractor events in Young and Cootamundra connected 58 businesses with the John Holland team.</p> <p>Supplier Capability workshops in Junee and Cootamundra supported 28 businesses.</p> <p>University of Newcastle delivered STEM events to 274 students and 23 teachers across 3 schools in the Project region.</p> <p>Rail Readiness Training in Young led to interviews for 6 participants, 3 have now been employed on the project.</p> <p><u>First Nations Update</u></p> <p>September 2025 – Wiradjuri signage approved to name the I2S camp site buildings,</p> <p>Pathways to opportunities capability development program for businesses.</p> <p>October 2025 – Aboriginal Cultural Values Plan was approved.</p> <p><u>Consultation Q4 2025 – Outlook</u></p> <p>Activities include closing out design, utilities and property, hydrology, visual landscape and amenity, construction awareness and liaison, school engagement activities. JHG has been volunteering for local Meals on Wheels and planning a trade stall at Cootamundra Annual Christmas Carnival.</p> <p><b>Program Update – Conrad Strachan – Project Director I2S</b></p> <p><u>Albury to Illabo (A2I)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junee – Kemp St bridge has been demolished in the September possession, removal of bridge segments are ongoing.</li> <li>• Wagga Wagga – Temporary / Trial closure of Edmondson St bridge is due to commence late November, and the new school bus timetable and routes are commencing mid-November.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wagga Wagga – construction of a temporary ramp at Mother’s footbridge is in preparation for demolition of existing ramp.</li> <li>• Albury – demolition of Albury Station footbridge is scheduled during the December possession.</li> </ul> <p><u>Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)</u></p> <p>Overhead wires investigations are underway with relocations to commence in the new year.</p>
<p><b>7. Community Feedback</b></p>	<p><b>Ms Robyn Gray</b> reported workers from the camp have become actively involved in the local community. Some community members have asked if they can inspect the workers camp. EF will speak to the contractor to see if that can be arranged.</p> <p>Ms Gray referred to the EIS documents which do not limit or preclude future levee banks or works downstream of West Street. CS the Project does not preclude these types of works from being able to be undertaken in the future by councils or other agencies. Levees are not within the scope of the IR Project.</p> <p>Ms Gray said the studies showed in certain circumstances a number of houses could be flooded and that this would cause concern in the community that the levees should at least be cleaned out. CS clarified that the flood study has been further refined since the EIS and the latest Flood Design Verification Report would be the most appropriate document to refer to understand flooding impacts.</p> <p>CS advised maintenance or operational failure of the Stockinbingal township levee system is not an IR responsibility. EF advised this will be taken up with Council in their discussions. EF advised Condition E68 requires the development of an Operational Erosion Mitigation and Monitoring Program (OEMMP) to respond to changes for a period of 15 years of operation. ARTC will be responsible for this monitoring.</p> <p><b>Mr James Coleborne</b> endorsed the actions JHG at the school and the Bowling Club. However, traffic passing his house don’t appear to be observing the speed limit of 50kph. Residents were asked to report details of possible exceedances. JHG will continue to reinforce local conditions as part of their regular tool-box sessions.</p>
<p><b>8.General Business</b></p>	

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8. Conclusions	Meeting closed at 12pm

Actions

NO	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	IRPL to confirm consultation with RFS regarding operational access to the Bethungra Ranges (E122)	CS	Next Meeting
2	Can Stockinbingal residents inspect the workers camp?	EF	Next Meeting
3	What happened to heritage items salvaged?	RL	Next Meeting

Meeting Closed 12.07pm

Next Meeting

5 February 2026 TBC