

MEETING MINUTES

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

DATE / TIME

4 February 2026
9:00am

LOCATION

Robert Browning Room, 553 Kiewa St, Albury NSW 2640

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 Community Development Committee)
- ▶ Mr Glen Robinson (Albury Business Connect – Alternate)
- ▶ Mr Bill McDonnell (NSW Farmers)
- ▶ Cr Kevin Mack (Albury City Council)
- ▶ Mr David Christy (Albury City Council)
- ▶ Ms Karenne Dugan (Gerogery)
- ▶ Mr John Zannes (Director, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW)
- ▶ Daniel Johnston (Senior Project Manager – A2I) (DJ)
- ▶ 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)

- ▶ Mr Michael Oliver (Greater Hume Council)
- ▶ Ms Kellie Penfold (Henty Development Committee)
- ▶ Mr Dennis Toohey (Border Rail Action Committee)
- ▶ Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I / S2P)

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 5 November 2025 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
5. Actions from previous minutes	Both actions completed.
6. Proponent's Reports	<p>Mr Daniel Johnston (Senior Project Manager – A2I) Program and Project Update</p> <p>Mr Johnston provided an update on the adjacent projects:</p> <p>Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S)</p> <p>Clearing and grubbing of the alignment is continuing and utilities adjustment is in progress. Major construction is due to commence in March 2026. Combined Services Route (CSR) work is also in progress with pipework for a water line along the alignment commencing.</p> <p>Stockinbingal to Parkes (S2P)</p> <p>The S2P project has completed all works including track lowering under the Wyndham Avenue bridge, crossing loop at Daroobalgie, track slews at various locations and modification of the Lachlan River bridge.</p> <p>A2I Project Update (A2I)</p> <p>Mr Johnston reported on the major works completed in the Albury and Greater Hume local government areas during the December 2025 possession as being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albury Station pedestrian footbridge removed • Balfour St, Culcairn footbridge removed, with the deck span placed adjacent to the rail corridor and the stairs demolished.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works at Table Top completed include redundant gantry removed, footing demolition and site works. • Works at The Rock completed <p>Cr Mack noted there was no reference to the Riverina Highway bridge works in the update. Mr Johnston advised there was no work undertaken at this site during the December 2025 possession.</p> <p>Another possession is scheduled for 28 February to 1 March 2026 and the works proposed to be undertaken include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murray River bridge, Albury Yard works and Billy Hughes bridge works in Albury • Culcairn track works • Uranquinty level crossing signalling works • Pearson St signalling, Edmondson St bridge demolition, Wagga Yard works and Mothers footbridge in Wagga Wagga • Kemp St bridge, Junee Yard works and Olympic Highway underbridge in Junee • Continuing works between Junee and Illabo. <p>Design Progress shows clearance sites are at 99.5%, Junee to Illabo is 100%, Albury is 98%, Wagga sites are 99% and Junee sites are 97%. Overall design progress is 98.3% complete.</p> <p>Construction progress shows clearance sites are at 15%, Junee to Illabo is 24%, Albury sites 7.3%, Wagga sites are 5.9%, and Junee sites are 17%. Overall construction progress is 30% complete.</p> <p>In January 2026 piling work commenced at the Billy Hughes bridge along with excavation of the batter. Community agreement is in place for works to take place 7am-6pm Monday to Sunday.</p> <p>Looking ahead Possession from 28 February to 1 March works and another possession is proposed in May 2-5 2026.</p> <p>Mr Les Fraser referred to the crossing loop in Culcairn that has to be moved 100mm. Will that result in the road closure? Mr Johnson advised that the road will remain open, but minor disruption may occur for short durations throughout the possession period, onsite traffic management will be in place where required.</p>

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	<p>Mr Bill McDonnell drew attention to if contractors were drawing water from the standpipes on the main line it causes significant pressure drops impacting on other users, in particular, farmers needing to water stock. Mr Johnson indicated he would draw this issue to the contractor’s attention to be aware of when planning activities requiring water.</p> <p>Ms Rachael Labruyere (Environment Manager A2P) <u>Planning and Environment Update</u> Ms Labruyere reported that Stage C construction has commenced along with monitoring and reporting. Last sign off is planned for 13 February 2026.</p> <p>Detailed site investigations have been completed at all sites. Sites investigations include test pits and bore holes and are carried out prior to commencement of construction. Asbestos investigations are ongoing. Prior to works in areas if asbestos has been located a surface Emu Pick is carried out under the Project Asbestos Management Plan with a hygienist on site. Following any asbestos removal an asbestos clearance inspection is carried out by the Contamination Consultant.</p> <p>During vegetation clearance at the Billy Hughes bridge 3 Sloane’s Froglets were recovered. Works ceased following the find and a 1m exclusion zone was established around the area. The Froglets have now been released into surrounding area and the Sloane’s Froglet Management Plan has been updated. Relevant agencies were notified. The team is working with relevant agencies and an Albury Frog Expert regarding future works.</p> <p>Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2I) - <u>Community Engagement Update</u> Ms Hardy reported on the engagement activity carried out during November and December 2025 which included Noise & Vibration information sessions in several locations, the Waluwin Festival, community information sessions regarding the Albury Station footbridge closure and door knocking in various locations. Upcoming engagement activities include Councillor briefings, monthly monitoring meetings, school communications on pedestrian detours, STEM Challenges, door knocking and</p>

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	<p>notifications in the lead up to the February/March possession and the Culcairn community newsletter.</p> <p>The Woomera Aboriginal Corporation were successful with their grant application for the Koori Services and Careers Expo.</p> <p>IRPL First Nation Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nation artist Luke Penrith finished the A2I corridor wide Artwork • The Clontarf Partnership will head to Sydney supporting the academies in the Riverina catchment at the Year 12 Leadership Camp – with a focus on resilience • 2026 will see more opportunities for First Nation people to release more design EOI's. <p>Ms Hardy provided an overview of the community benefits flowing from the A2I and S2P projects July 2023 – November 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. These will be regularly updated (see appendix to the minutes).</p>
<p>7. General Business & Community Feedback</p>	<p>Ms Clarissa Farrington asked if there is likely to be any impact at the Tynan Road level crossing at Table Top from the Visy operations? Ms Hardy advised all Inland Rail works have been completed at Table Top and the Tynan Road level crossing is not part of the Inland Rail scope of works. It was decided a meeting would be set up outside of the CCC forum between TfNSW, Albury City Council and the Dept of Infrastructure to discuss community concerns at this level crossing</p> <p>Mr Les Fraser raised an issue of noise from trains idling in northern Culcairn and what action is proposed? Ms Labruyere advised that modelling is currently underway which will determine what type of treatment will best suit the residents. Further consultation will occur, possibly Q2 once the results are available.</p>
<p>8. Conclusion</p>	<p>Meeting closed at 10.00am</p>

Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
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NIL

Next Meeting

20 May 2026

Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – December 2025 Albury LGA



We invest in Inland Rail alignment communities by partnering with experts to grow a local supply of businesses and future workers equipped for the 21st century.



STEM PARTNERSHIPS

15 Events held

7 Schools involved

2687

Students engaged in STEM activities

5% of whom are First Nations People

49% of whom are Female

139 Teachers attended



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

6 Supplier Capability Workshops held

0 Mentoring sessions held

108 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

2% First Nations businesses

1 "Meet the Contractor" events held

77 Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING

83 Work ready individuals

5 Completed Training Competencies

63 of whom are First Nations People

21 of whom are Female

16 Workers received training on project

8 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

19 Local community grants approved

\$68K

Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

79 Total workforce from LGA

1 Sustainable Jobs

33 Workers in trades

1 First Nations workers

7 Female workers

12 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

33

Businesses who have worked on the project

1 First Nations Businesses

\$10.0m

Total spend on local businesses

Inland Rail Skills Academy

2019 – December 2025 Greater Hume Shire LGA



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STEM PARTNERSHIPS

1 Events held

1 Schools involved

79

Students engaged in STEM activities

11% of whom are First Nations People

47% of whom are Female

12 Teachers attended



UPSKILLING LOCAL BUSINESSES

0 Supplier Capability Workshops held

0 Mentoring sessions held

0 Businesses upskilled to work on a major project

0% First Nations businesses

0 "Meet the Contractor" events held

0 Businesses attending



SKILLS TRAINING

0 Work ready individuals

0 Completed Training Competencies

0 of whom are First Nations People

0 of whom are Female

3 Workers received training on project

1 Apprentices/ Trainees engaged



COMMUNITY GRANTS

8 Local community grants approved

\$23 K

Cash contributions



PROJECT WORKFORCE

15 Total workforce from LGA

5 Sustainable Jobs

3 Workers in trades

1 First Nations workers

2 Female workers

1 Young Workers (Under 25)



PROJECT PROCUREMENT

3

Businesses who have worked on the project

0 First Nations Businesses

\$ 2K

Total spend on local businesses