MEETING MINUTES

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

DATE / TIME
4 November 2026
9:00am

LOCATION
Enterprise Plus Business Hub
575 Olive St, Albury NSW 2640

FACILITATOR
Mr Garry West

MINUTE TAKER
Mr Garry West

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Albury to Illabo CCC

ATTENDEES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- Mr Garry West (Independent Chair) (GW)(Online)
- Mr Glen Robinson (Albury Business Connect – Alternate) (GR)
- Mr Dennis Toohey (Border Rail Action Committee) (DT)
- Ms Dena Vlekker (Greater Hume Council) (DV)
- Mr Michael Oliver (Greater Hume Council)
- Mr David Christy (Albury City Council)
- Mr Bill McDonnell (NSW Farmers)
- Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – A2I / S2P)
- Ms Susan Kay (Principal Environmental Advisor) (SK)
- Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead - A2I) (KH)
- Mr John Zannes (Director, Inland Rail, Transport for NSW) (JZ)

APOLOGIES (SHOW ORGANISATION IF NOT INLAND RAIL)

- Ms Kellie Penfold (Henty Development Committee)
- Ms Karenne Dugan (Gerogery community member)
- Mr Les Fraser (Culcairn Community Development Committee)
- Cr Kylie King (Albury City Council)
- Cr Lea Parker (Greater Hume Council)
- Ms Clarissa Farrington (Director, Inland Rail Program Assurance, Commonwealth Infrastructure Projects Division, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts) (CF)

Discussions

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
1.Welcome & Introductions	The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all to the meeting.
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 August 2026 were approved and uploaded to the project website.
5. Actions from previous minutes	NIL
6.Proponent's Reports	**Mr Malcolm Clark (Project Director – S2P/A2I) Program and Project Update** Mr Clark advised the Shareholding Department has agreed that Inland Rail should complete the minimum activities required to achieve corridor recognition for corridor preservation from Narromine to Gowrie. The September possession was successful in achieving keys construction works at the Kemp Street bridge, Junee Station, level crossing at Brabins Road and Yerong Creek, Cassidy footbridge and the Albury Station footbridge. Refer to presentation **I2S Program** Girders installed at Dirnaseer Road rail bridge. Upcoming works include the Burley Griffin Way bridge construction, Old Cootamundra Road bridge construction along with several earthworks and drainage works. **B2A Program** New Marchbanks Road bridge in Broadford is open with single lane flow and 11 of the 12 B2A sites have now achieved height and width clearances. Tallarook is the final site where modifications are required. Refer to presentation. **A2I Program** Visuals of works at the Albury Yard, Albury Station footbridge, Billy Hughes bridge were shown to the meeting. Refer to presentation <u>November Possession proposed works</u>

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	An overview of the proposed works at the Albury Station yard and footbridge, Riverina Highway and Henty was provided. Refer to presentation **Looking ahead** A look ahead for the A2I project was provided by Mr Clark and noted sites shut down will be December 23 to January 4 and another possession from Saturday March 6 to Tuesday March 9, 2027. Refer to presentation Mr Oliver enquired around works occurring around Henty during the harvest period. Mr Clark advised that works would be occurring in Henty at this upcoming possession and in December the main works with traffic detours in place would not be occurring until early next year. **Ms Susan Kay (Principal Environment Advisor)** Ms Kay reported that Stage C construction is continuing along with monitoring and reporting. Ms Kay advised that following the Australian Government announcement in May 2026 the project would only focus on delivery between Beveridge in Victoria and Parkes in NSW. As a result of this announcement the train volumes are not expected to reach the levels previously forecast for the A2I section. Therefore, the Operational Noise and Vibration Review (ONVR) for A2I will be deferred until such time as the full Inland Rail program is realised and future operational scenarios can be accurately assessed. Property owners and stakeholders will be kept informed as the program evolves. Ms Hardy outlined the community engagement program that would commence the following week to inform all impacted receivers previously identified in the Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR) as well as communities along the alignment of this update to the ONVR program. Refer to presentation Ms Vlekkert queried the difference in noise levels between a single versus double stacked train with Ms Kay advising modelling had been done on this in South Australia and there was no difference in noise levels.

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	Ms Vlekkert requested a generic copy of the ONVR letter being sent to residents to be able to inform front office staff at the council in case any community queries came through to council. Ms Hardy advised these will be sent following distribution on Monday 9 November and also advised that a supply of Inland Rail 1800 contact cards had been previously dropped at council for front office staff to hand out if residents had any Inland Rail related queries. Ms Hardy also highlighted the 1800 number and dedicated ONVR information page on the Inland Rail website that can also be utilised by the communities as a source of additional information. A copy of this letter was also requested by Mr Zannes and Mr Christy. Additionally, Ms Kay advised that air quality monitoring stations had been set up in Wagga, Junee and The Rock adjacent to idling locations. There have been no exceedances of NO_2 or $PM_{2.5}$ during the last two monitoring periods. Refer to presentation **Ms Kate Hardy (Stakeholder Engagement Lead A2I) - Community Engagement Update** Ms Hardy reported on the engagement activity carried out during September and October 2026. Refer to presentation Ms Hardy also provided an update on the First Nations Partnerships as well as the community benefits generated. See attachments to these minutes.
7. General Business & Community Feedback	JZ asked what partnership opportunities for the Clontarf program existed as legacies. MC explained these will be for the ARTC to consider following completion of the Inland Rail project in this area. JZ further asked the members of the CCC if they felt they had opportunities to partner with the Clontarf program.

NO.	DISCUSSIONS
	KH noted the Clontarf has been a successful partnership for the project.
8. Conclusion	Nil

Actions

NIL Outstanding

Meeting closed at 9.45am

Next Meeting

5 May 2027 TBC