

CHAIR'S SUMMARY

The fourth meeting of the Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (the committee) was held at the Kingsthorpe and District War Memorial Hall on 8 November 2018.

This summary provides an overview of the meeting to share information with the community at the earliest opportunity. It is a precursor to the formal meeting minutes, which will be published on the Inland Rail website following endorsement by the committee. The meeting was chaired by Mr Ken Murphy and attended by 12 of the 15 Inner Darling Downs committee members. 23 people observed the meeting.

The committee enquired about noise monitoring and advised the proposed timing coincides with harvesting. ARTC confirmed noise monitoring would be undertaken shortly for a few weeks in communities along the proposed focused area of investigation. Monitoring will be undertaken in the most noise sensitive locations i.e. residential dwellings. Locations are selected to provide baseline measurements for different noise environments.

The committee also had questions about weed management. ARTC confirmed that a weed management factsheet would be released shortly.

ARTC provided an update about identification on vehicles. ARTC magnets are supplied to contractors that do not have branding on their vehicles. As part of our voluntary land access agreements with individuals we will provide information about what contractor will be entering their property prior to the work commencing. We also include details of our contractors in our project communications.

If members of the community have concerns about unidentifiable vehicles on their property, we encourage them to call the Queensland Police. If members of the community have concerns about ARTC or contractor vehicles on their property, please call 1800 732 761. Where possible please provide location, time and vehicle registration details to assist with enquiries.

ARTC presented the focused area of investigation. The focused area of investigation is within the two-kilometre-wide study area and varies in width depending on location, constraints and results of initial design investigation. ARTC stepped through the focused area of investigation from Gowrie through to Brookstead in detail and gave a general overview between Brookstead and the NSW/QLD border. ARTC also provided an overview of the preliminary design solution for crossing the Condamine floodplain.

ARTC is currently meeting with landowners within the focused area of investigation to gain an understanding about how properties are used and what infrastructure is on individual property lots.

ARTC requested committee members encourage their communities to attend one of the upcoming information sessions or contact ARTC if they have any questions about the focused area of investigation and potential affects to their properties.

Over the coming months, ARTC will continue to develop the design, including bridges and the interface with public roads and private crossings. As part of this process ARTC will be asking the community and industry for information about local and state roads that the project may affect.

From 12 November until 21 December 2018 a community survey will be open to the public to provide feedback about the project including potential negative impacts and potential benefits. The survey can be accessed at research.net/r/B2GSIA or contact ARTC on **1800 732 761** to have a copy posted to you.

A committee member asked where the passing loops are located in the Inner Darling Downs. ARTC responded that at this stage it is expected that there will be one passing loop in the Inner Darling Downs area at approximately Yarranlea.

Committee members agreed the next meeting would be held in early 2019.

Mr Ken Murphy
Chair
Inland Rail Inner Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee
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Interested community members are welcome to attend committee meetings as observers. For more information please contact the Inland Rail Community Engagement team.

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