



Dr Mark Hohenhaus, Chair

Chair's summary

The Lockyer Valley Community Consultative Committee (the committee) held its third meeting in Forest Hill on Monday 25 June 2018.

Eleven of the 14 members of the committee attended, as well as two invited guests from Gowrie Junction and Calvert. There were 52 members of the public in attendance.

ARTC provided an update on the Gowrie to Helidon and Helidon to Calvert projects, including:

- ▶ the current status of technical investigations and feasibility design, particularly in relation to the technical review of alignment, flooding assessments and level crossings
- ▶ upcoming geotechnical investigations, environmental studies and the Social Impact Assessment
- ▶ the community feedback received during consultation sessions in May.

The key topics of discussion related to the alignment and how this was being assessed and finalised, the proposed location of crossing loops on the H2C alignment, as well as the methodology for flood modelling.

The committee expressed the view that the crossing loops should be located outside of townships to minimise impact on residential areas in the Lockyer Valley.

The committee, and observers in attendance, provided a summary of community concerns raised in relation to crossing loops, consultation activities that have occurred, the use of the Collaborative Map system and the lack of promotion of the Social Impact Assessment survey.

A member of the committee presented on the history of flood events in Forest Hill and nearby areas and the relevant design standards and legislation that he considered should be taken into account as part of flood studies for Inland Rail.

Another member presented about a proposed change to the Inland Rail alignment to avoid impact on agricultural land in the Lockyer Valley and considerations around the existing rail line and the potential impact on flooding.

The committee passed a number of motions during the meeting, including:

- ▶ Extending the closing date of the Social Impact Assessment community survey for an additional six weeks, from the current closing date of 1 July 2018.
- ▶ Request for ARTC engineers to meet with engineers engaged by Forest Hill committee members for the purposes of handing over flood data and research.
- ▶ Request for meeting between Inland Rail CEO and engineers and Minister for Transport and Main Roads Mark Bailey, Federal Member for Wright Scott Buchholz, State Member for Lockyer Jim McDonald and Lockyer Valley Regional Council Mayor Tanya Milligan to discuss expansion of the study area to enable consideration of alignment alternatives outside of the current study area.

Minutes of the meeting will be made available on the ARTC website in July 2018.

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Lockyer Valley 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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