

## **Southern Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee Chair's summary**

The first meeting of the Southern Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee (the committee) was held in Inglewood on Wednesday, 13 December 2017.

The Chair's summary provides an overview of the committee meeting and ensures that information is shared with the community at the earliest opportunity. The summary is a precursor to the formal meeting record, the Committee Meeting Minutes, which will be published on the website following preparation and endorsement by the committee Chair and members.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Graham Clapham, and attended by 11 of the 15 local community representatives appointed as members of the committee. The other four members had tendered their apologies.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide a strong basis for the committee going forward, particularly with respect to:

- Understanding the interests and views of members and what they hoped to achieve through their involvement in the committee
- Ratifying the Interim Charter for the committee
- Reaching agreement about future meetings, including guest speakers, topics for discussion, dates, times and locations.

Members indicated that they understood and supported the purpose of the committee was to:

- Receive briefings and updates on the project
- Discuss and provide comment or feedback on aspects of the project
- Represent community views regarding local issues, impacts and benefits
- Act as a conduit to provide information about the project to the broader community.

Members were very clear about their desire to achieve the best outcomes for the community and the project, and for discussions to be open and transparent.

The Interim Charter was ratified with two proposed additions:

1. ARTC and the Chair to identify and invite individuals who have significant understanding of the local area or specialist knowledge to attend committee meetings from time to time, as relevant, and actively contribute to those meetings.
2. The committee as a collective may distribute press releases about the committee, acknowledging any such releases would be subject to ARTC's prior approval.

Members raised questions regarding whether the committee could engage technical experts to review and verify technical outputs and whether ARTC would bear associated costs. The Chair undertook to discuss this matter with ARTC.

Members agreed that committee meetings would rotate between townships within the area, with the next meeting to be held in Millmerran. The members determined that the next meeting should be scheduled to align with release of the draft Terms of Reference as anticipated in early 2018 between 6pm and 8pm on the first, second or fourth Wednesday of March.

Members agreed that the community should be encouraged to attend meetings as observers, should they wish, and requested that ARTC publicise this more broadly via email or text message to the database.

The members present requested that their mobile phone numbers be published on ARTC's website for ease of community members wishing to contact them.

**Mr Graham Clapham**

Chair

Inland Rail Southern Darling Downs Community Consultative Committee

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