

Scenic Rim Community Consultative Committee

Chair's summary

The first meeting of the Scenic Rim Community Consultative Committee (the committee) was held in Yamanto on Thursday, 14 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 Ms Kathy Bensted, and attended by 10 of the 13 local community representatives appointed as members of the committee.

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, which was to:

- Receive briefings and updates on the project
- Provide updates on the project to the community
- Provide robust representation of community views on local and regional issues
- Work with ARTC to identify potential benefits for the 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 four proposed amendments:

1. **Scope** – rewording of the second point to clarify that the committee is able to discuss all aspects of the project, rather than limiting discussion to only aspects that are considered negotiable.
2. **Operating Principles of Committee members** – rewording of the third point, to indicate it remains ARTC's responsibility to disseminate project information to the community, rather than this being the responsibility of the Committee.
3. **Subject Matter Experts** – addition of a clause to enable 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.
4. **Media Liaison** – clarification of the Chair's role as media liaison to include a requirement to consult with the committee Members when possible, recognising that time demands may require this to be done within a limited timeframe.

Members agreed that committee meetings would rotate between townships within the area. The Chair will work with ARTC to provide a schedule for all upcoming meetings in the 2018 calendar year. Members are encouraged to nominate suitable venues and encourage community members to attend as observers.

Ms Kathy Bensted

Chair

Inland Rail Scenic Rim Community Consultative Committee

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