

# Illabo to Stockinbingal Inland Rail Project Annual Report 2020

## Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Illabo to Stockinbingal Inland Rail Project (I2S)	Reporting Period:	2020
Independent Chairperson:	Garry West	Proponent Contact:	Heath Martin Stakeholder Engagement Manager – Southern NSW

### 1. Executive Summary

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the I2S Inland Rail Project continued to operate with the procedure of draft minutes being circulated for comment within 7 days of the meeting and the final minutes being circulated and uploaded to the company website to allow CCC members to distribute through their networks as set out in the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE) CCC Guideline.

The Inland Rail presentations at each meeting provide comprehensive projects updates including on community engagement, environmental studies, land acquisition processes and project design activities. These presentations are uploaded to the Inland Rail website at the same time CCC minutes are uploaded.

During the first half of 2020 refinement and optimisation were undertaken looking at both budget requirements, technical and environmental aspects of the route. The Optimisation focused on reviewing the grade of the alignment, the road/rail interfaces and the connections at each end of the I2S project. This work was targeted within the Focused Area of Investigation (FAI), however there were a small number of areas where the new alignment goes outside the FAI, but on average no more than 200 metres.

All affected landholders were consulted on the changes with the provision of individual property maps showing the changes and the alignment.

COVID-19 impacted the stakeholder engagement team more than others, however this changed in the second half of the year.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is scheduled for review in the second half of 2021 and the land acquisition process is also scheduled to begin at the time.

### 2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The CCC met three times during 2020; once by videoconference and two face to face, one in Junee and the other in Cootamundra. Some CCC members attended the Junee meeting by videoconference.
- Each meeting was well attended, and stakeholders actively engaged in discussion of issues of concern.
- One member resigned during the year and there were changes to the representatives from Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.
- The Australian Rail & Track Corporation (ARTC) Director Engagement, Environment and Property attended two of the CCC meetings. The first to introduce the new I2S Project Director and I2S Environmental Advisor. The

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second was to provide an update on progress of the Senate Inquiry which was being conducted into the Inland Rail Project. No finishing timeframe is currently available.

### 3. Key issues


A summary of the key issues raised by the CCC are as follows:

- Project design regarding property impacts, including agricultural operations, for example, stock and machinery crossing points.
- Environmental impacts, for example hydrology and flooding.
- Acquisition process and compensation.
- Social and psychological impacts on the community. The I2S project resolved to provide financial assistance to the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network.

The Project team responds to each issue raised either directly in the meeting or at the subsequent meeting. All the issues and the response are included in the minutes.

### 4. Focus for next 12 months

- Continue to refine the reference design to bring it to a sufficient standard for the EIS.
- Continue to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement, providing CCC, stakeholder and community consultations.
- Submit the EIS for adequacy review mid 2021 and public exhibition of the EIS late 2021.
- Commence land acquisitions.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	5 January 2021