

Inland Rail Narromine to Narrabri Community Consultative Committee

Annual Report 2021

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Inland Rail – Narromine to Narrabri	Reporting Period:	1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021
Independent Chairperson:	Michael Silver OAM	Proponent Contact:	Patricio Munoz

1. Executive Summary

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) did not meet during the calendar year 2021.

The Environmental Impact Statement for the project was placed on public exhibition on 8 December 2020 for 62 days and came off exhibition on 7 February 2021. Subsequently the NSW Department of Planning and Environment commenced its analysis of submissions received during the exhibition period. 116 submissions were received.

Subsequently, the Department requested the Proponent to respond to the submissions and, also provided further information on hydrology and flooding, noise and vibration, traffic and transport, air quality, biodiversity, and social impacts.

Over the course of the year the Proponent was focused on preparing its Response to Submissions and preparing the additional information requested by the Department.

As a result of this focus and having regard to the limitations of health regulations due to the COVID 19 pandemic, no CCC meetings were scheduled.

- **Meetings**

Nil

- **Membership**

The Community, Local Government Authorities and Proponent membership remained unchanged during the year.

- ***Narromine Sub-committee***

Paul Brydon, Shelley Baylis, Alan Channel, Murray Feddersen, Taje Fowler, Andrew Knop, Lewis Lydon, Narromine Shire Council, Inland Rail Representative.

- ***Gilgandra Sub-committee***

Peter Bonnington, Alexander Deans, Barbara Deans, Karen McBurnie, Stuart Mudford, John Single, Coonamble Shire Council, Gilgandra Shire Council, Inland Rail Representative.

- ***Narrabri Sub-committee***

Bruce Brierley, Christina Deans, Ted Hayman, Jane Judd, Cindy Neil, David Scilley, Russell Stewart, Narrabri Shire Council, Warrumbungle Shire Council, Inland Rail Representative.

The Inland Rail representative continued to be Mr Patricio Munoz until his resignation from Inland Rail in September 2021.

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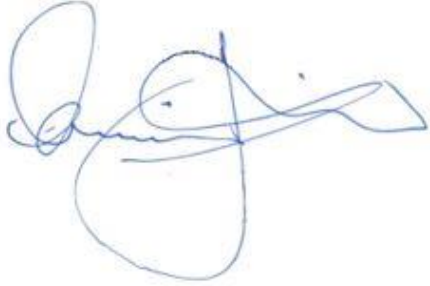
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- **Other Actions**

- Correspondence was received in February 2021 by the CCC from the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development in response to the CCC request for clarification on the adequacy of the ARTC budget to deliver the Inland Rail project. A copy of the correspondence was forwarded to all members.
- A request was received from a Community Member in late August 2021 for a Special Meeting of the Narrabri Sub-committee to be held to receive a presentation from a local interest group regarding an alternative alignment for the Inland Rail at Narrabri. Following discussion with the Proponent, Narrabri Shire Council and noting the alternative was highlighted in submissions made to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment during the public exhibition period of the EIS, the Independent Chair determined that the matter of considering an alternative route was not a role for the CCC. The request for a Special Meeting was declined.

2. Focus for next 12 months

- Analysis of the outcomes of the exhibition of the EIS.
- Consideration of the Proponent's Response to Submissions and additional information
- Progression of the assessment process by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	9 April 2022