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## 10. EXECUTIVE OFFICE REPORTS

### 10.9 Inland Rail - Draft Terms of Reference - Submission

**Date:** 22 May 2017  
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**Responsible Officer:** Ian Church, Chief Executive Officer

#### Summary:

This report seeks approval for Lockyer Valley Regional Council to make a submission to the Coordinator-General regarding the draft Terms of Reference for the Inland Rail Project relating to Gowrie to Helidon and Helidon to Calvert.

#### **Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to draft a submission to the Office of the Co-ordinator General regarding the Inland Rail Project - 'Gowrie to Helidon & Helidon to Calvert draft Terms of Reference for an environment impact statement'.**

### 1. Introduction

Government agencies and the community have been invited to comment on the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Inland Rail Gowrie to Helidon and Helidon to Calvert projects. Council have an opportunity to make a submission on the draft Terms of Reference for these projects, which have the potential to significantly affect the Lockyer Valley. Submissions on the draft TOR are due by 5 June 2017.

### 2. Background

The Australian Government, through the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) is delivering an inland rail line between Melbourne and Brisbane. The line will be approximately 1710 kilometres in length. The Inland Rail Project will have a significant impact on the Lockyer Valley region during both the construction and operational phases. Council is working together with the community and with ARTC to establish the best possible outcome for the region.

At the 9 November 2016 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved the following with regard to the Inland Rail Project:

*THAT Council resolve to;*

- 1. Advocate for passenger rail, a Lockyer Valley bikeway and upgrade of the Gatton crossing of Lockyer Creek, (Daveys Bridge), as part of Lockyer Valley Regional Council's approach to the Inland Rail project.*
- 2. Work with the community and stakeholders to achieve the best possible outcomes for the Inland Rail and associated projects.*
- 3. Invite the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) to a future meeting of Council to provide an update on the Inland Rail Project.*

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**3. Report**

On 16 May 2017, Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) briefed Council on the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Inland Rail Gowrie to Helidon and Helidon to Calvert. A meeting with the Office of the Coordinator-General has also been conducted and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for the project outlined.

In accordance with the previous resolution of Council regarding the Inland Rail Project, it is considered imperative, that Council provide a submission addressing the Gowrie to Helidon and Helidon to Calvert draft Terms of Reference for an environmental impact statement. It is also important that Council encourage the community to have their say on the project.

**4. Policy and Legal Implications**

There are no Council policies or legal implications to be addressed in a submission by Council in response to the draft Terms of Reference as outlined in this report.

**5. Financial and Resource Implications**

There are no financial or resource implications required to be addressed by Council in response to the draft Terms of Reference as outlined in this report.

**6. Delegations/Authorisations**

This report seeks authorisation for the Chief Executive Officer to formulate Council's submission to Coordinator-General regarding the draft Terms of Reference for the Inland Rail Project relating to Gowrie to Helidon and Helidon to Calvert.

**7. Communication and Engagement**

The matters arising from this report that require further communication and engagement will be addressed through existing communication channels. Council has encouraged the community to participate in upcoming information sessions conducted by ARTC on the draft Terms of Reference and how community members can provide comments to the Office of the Coordinator-General.

**8. Conclusion**

To ensure the best interests of the Lockyer Valley community are represented, Council will formulate a submission to the Coordinator-General on the Gowrie to Helidon and Helidon to Calvert draft Terms of Reference for an environmental impact statement. Council will also continue to advocate and communicate with the community and relevant stakeholders in regard to the Inland Rail project.

**9. Action/s**

Development of a Council submission to the Coordinator-General regarding the draft Terms of Reference for the Inland Rail Project relating to Gowrie to Helidon and before the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.