

12.2 Rail Committee Meeting Minutes - November 2022

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY
TO 14 DECEMBER 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400098, TRA300009

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Director Community on the Rail Committee Meeting Minutes - November 2022;**
2. **note the minutes of the Rail Committee Meeting - November 2022; and**
3. **note the survey outcomes provided by the Rail Committee; and**
4. **support the continued representation to the State Government on passenger rail services.**

Executive summary

This report is to advise Council of the matters given consideration at the meeting of the Rail Committee held on 18 November 2022.

The Rail Committee has a focus on reinstating the 89km rail line between Rylstone and Gulgong for passenger rail, light freight and tourism opportunities.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The second meeting of the Rail Committee was held on 18 November 2022 and this report provides the minutes to Council for their information. At the meeting it was discussed that the Mudgee Region Passenger Rail Inc. has undertaken a survey to gauge community interest in passenger rail in the Mid-Western region. The results of the survey are provided to Council and attached with the meeting minutes.

It was noted that the survey indicates that there is strong support among those surveyed for passenger rail services to return to the Mid-Western region. Further information is available in the minutes and the Survey Outcomes Report.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Good Government
Goal	Good communications and engagement
Strategy	Encourage community access and participation in Council decision making

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Community Plan

Council Policies

Code of Conduct

Legislation

Section 355 of the Local Government Act (1993)

Financial implications

Nil

Associated Risks

Council needs to consider any impact from indicating specific support or opposition to lobbying for the re-introduction of passenger rail services.

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DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

21 November 2022

Attachments: 1. Minutes Rail Committee Meeting 18 November 2022. (separately attached)
2. Mudgee Region Rail Inc. - Survey Outcomes. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER