

**Bonville Upgrade Project
Community Interest Group**

NOTES

**Meeting #2
Wednesday 13 September 2006
Bonville Memorial Hall
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

CIG members in attendance

Tony Brindley	Ron Duncan	Rod Lynn
Gary Carr	Mike Edsall	Mike Newcombe
Evan Clark	Peter Haskins	Trevor Pike
Ann Coyle	Patricia Herraman	Ron Sprudd
	Peter Lubans	Mike Thomas

Project representatives in attendance

Chris Clark, RTA	Gordon Boer, Abigroup
Colin Solomon, RTA	Chris Bryce, Abigroup
	Matt Frodsham, Abigroup
	Ian Irwin, Abigroup
	Neil Pittaway, Abigroup

Kerry Morrison, Facilitator

Apologies

Bob Higgins, RTA
Peter Borrelli, RTA
Janice Smith, RTA
Rachel Sadler, RTA

Tabled/Handouts

Outcomes from discussions groups
Waster water treatment system
Sub surface profile of fauna overpass

No.	Item	Issues / Actions	Action by
1	Welcome & Introductions	<p>Kerry Morrison – Facilitator</p> <p>Welcomed all attendees. Peter Lubans of the Coffs Harbour Chamber of Commerce was introduced.</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>No comments from the previous meeting notes were received.</p>	
2	Community Interest Group Charter	<p>Kerry Morrison – Facilitator</p> <p>Two CIG members provided additional comments for the Charter prior to the meeting. Comments discussed and accepted by CIG members. No additional comments were received from the meeting.</p>	Noted
2.1		All comments will be considered and the Charter will be updated and distributed to all CIG members with the meeting notes.	Note
3	Actions arising from last meeting	Kerry Morrison – Facilitator	
3.1	Meeting #1 - 3.6 Draft Charter	Refer to item number 2 above	
3.1.1		It was requested that Abigroup consider forwarding information to CIG members on behalf of a member who raises an item on a meeting agenda for discussion. Abigroup responded that this variation to the Charter would be considered on a case by case basis.	Note
3.2	Meeting #1 - 4.2 Site office tertiary sewerage treatment	<p>Abigroup commented that discussions have been held to provide those directly affected, with information about the Abigroup site office tertiary sewerage treatment system on Bonville Station Road. Abigroup investigated options, which included storage of waste in tanks and removal by pump-out and truck transport.</p> <p>The system selected will be licensed under an Environment Protection Licence with the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). The Department of Health do not require approval for commercial systems.</p> <p>The system will also be in accordance with Coffs Harbour reuse guidelines - http://www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/resources/documents/Ch-EISChap07FinalBM.pdf Pages 29 - 31. These guidelines allow treatment for secondary systems, while the system being installed by Abigroup is a better tertiary system.</p> <p>The system will have no exposure pathways and will easily meet with the requirements of the Australian Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters (ANZECC 1992).</p>	

		<p>Essentially, the waste water will be treated with Ultra Violet light, rather than chemicals, to make it hygienic, in accordance with DEC guidelines, then released in a sub-surface drip system to irrigate an adjoining paddock.</p> <p>Note: Thermotolerant or faecal coli forms and total coli forms are not the same thing and total coli forms can and do naturally occur in waters. Also faecal coli forms arise from all forms of excrement including wildlife, livestock, domestic pets and humans.</p> <p>Treatment being used is likely to have no more impact than a rainfall event on a livestock paddock.</p> <p>The waste water is unable to be recycled for dust suppression on the project as this would be 'air release' management of the waste water which is unacceptable, hence the sub surface drip feed system to recycle the water.</p>	
3.2.1		<p>CIG member requested further information on the system.</p> <p>Post meeting note: The information on the tertiary sewerage system will be available as an attachment to the notes and is also available at the following website: www.aquanova.com.au</p>	Noted
3.3	Meeting #1 - 7.3 Fauna overpass	<p>Both the RTA and Abigroup have researched information which will be presented at the next meeting. The information will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - results of research on fauna overpasses - sub-surface profile <p>Key elements for fauna overpasses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clear lines of sight - approach angles of ascent and descent 	RTA & Abigroup
3.4	Meeting #1 - 8.4 Display Centre signage	While Abigroup supports the idea, approvals need to be sought from the relevant authorities.	Abigroup
4	Project update		
4.1	Design update	<p>Gordon Boer – Abigroup, Design Manager</p> <p>There are number of stages of design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% - concept design • 85% - detailed design • 100% - final design • IFC – Issued For Construction. 	

		<p>There are several design packages for the project including,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road alignment - (divided into 3 sections; South, Middle & North), plus local and service roads. • Road furniture – signage, lighting etc. • Hydrology – flood studies on waterways. • Drainage – both transverse (water falling on areas surrounding the road) and longitudinal (water falling on the road). • Pavements <p>Currently the design is at 85% for the southern section of the project, Service Road and Mailmans Track. 15% design for 75% of the bridges and 15% design for the Hydrology.</p>	
4.2		<p>CIG member commented that there are a number of school bus pickup points that may be affected by construction and operation, particularly where intersections will become interchanges.</p> <p>Abigroup responded that investigations will be undertaken to locate the school bus stops and how these will be managed. Feedback will be provided at a future meeting.</p>	Abigroup
4.3		<p>Discussion about the pipes at the back of Grandis Road. Abigroup commented that they will be 1200mm in diameter to allow for the existing surface water flow plus catering for water birds. There is a secondary pipe that is lower in the water to allow for fish movements. Abigroup is to check the size of these pipes and respond at the next meeting.</p>	Abigroup
4.3.1		<p>CIG member commented that preference would be for larger pipes to allow pedestrians to walk through the pipes. Abigroup responded that this would not be considered as the wetland needs to be protected and there are other ways of accessing the wetlands.</p>	Note
4.4	Construction update	<p>Chris Bryce – Abigroup, Project Director</p> <p>Abigroup site office is expected to be operational by the end of the month.</p> <p>October - clearing is expected to commence, pending licence approvals from the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Department of Planning.</p> <p>Works that are able to commence prior to receiving the above licence include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing of the corridor • Installation of temporary fauna fences • First flush system for properties • Pre-construction surveys for properties • Discussion with suppliers and contractors • Survey work 	

4.4.1		The timeframe for the project, from start to finish, is 28 months with 16 September 2008 the target completion date.	
4.4.2		There is no 'float' time for wet weather. Construction must be complete by the 16 September 2008.	
4.4.3		Abigroup agreed that work should commence in the wet areas as soon as practical.	
4.4.4		Abigroup commented that RTA do not pay a bonus for completing the project early, however there is an inherit benefit to the company and the community to complete the project as early as possible.	
4.4.5		The road design allows for cyclists to use the shoulder of the highway, however as a safer option cyclists are able to use the service road, as there will be less traffic.	
4.7	Community and Communications update	<p>Matt Frodsham – Abigroup, Community & Communications Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents who are to receive first flush treatments have been contacted. All pre construction surveys have been completed and reports should be finalised within the next couple of weeks. Properties that are to receive at house noise mitigation treatments have been contacted and work is set to begin shortly. The 1800 number has received only 2 enquiries regarding the work on the project however it has also been utilised by several people seeking employment. Nothing was received via the project email address, bonville@abigroup.com.au since the last meeting. 	
5	Round table discussion	Facilitated by both RTA and Abigroup attendees to highlight possible future topics for discussion.	
6	Collation of round table discussions	The 3 groups listed their areas of interest, issues and concerns. A collation of the outcomes is attached to the meeting notes and will be used as a basis for future presentations.	See attachment
7	General discussion	Kerry Morrison – Facilitator	
7.1		Comment by CIG member. As a representative from the Coffs Harbour City Council has not attended the meetings to date, although an apology was received for the first meeting, the CIG member advised that they may approach the local paper to highlight the non-attendance. It was agreed that before the local paper was approached, RTA would raise the issue with Council during one of their meetings.	RTA

8	Next Meeting	Meeting #3 Thursday 19 October 2006 Project Site Office Bonville Station Road Bonville 6.00pm – 8.00pm Vote of thanks to the members of the CWA for their assistance and catering on the night.	
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