

**Bonville Upgrade Project
Community Interest Group**

NOTES

**Meeting #5
Wednesday 13th December 2006
Project Site Office
Bonville Station Road, Bonville
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

CIG members in attendance

Ann Coyle	Trish Herraman
Ron Duncan	Mike Newcombe
Mike Edsall	Angela O'Brien
Peter Haskins	Mike Thomas

Project representatives in attendance

Colin Solomon, RTA	Chris Bryce, Abigroup
	Gordon Boer, Abigroup
	Matt Frodsham, Abigroup
	Ian Irwin, Abigroup
	Jason Moran, Abigroup
	Cindy Douglas, Abigroup
	Neil Pittaway, Abigroup
	Luke Spencer, Abigroup

Kerry Morrison, Facilitator
Martin Hicks, EMR (Environmental Management Representative)

Apologies

Tony Brindley	Anne Shearer
Garry Carr	Ron Sprudd
Evan Clark	Chris Clark, RTA
Rod Lynn	

Tabled/Handouts

RTA Factsheet – How is noise addressed
Abigroup presentation – Project Water
Usage
Abigroup presentation – Project Update
Maps – 2 x proposed entry exit for Perrys
Road and Keevers Drive

No.	Item	Issues / Actions	Action by
1	Welcome & Introductions	<p>Kerry Morrison - Facilitator</p> <p>Welcomed to all attendees. Luke Spencer, 1st Year Environmental Engineer from Abigroup was introduced as an observer at the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the Project Information Centre is now open.</p> <p>Comments from the previous meeting notes were received see Item 1.1.</p>	
1.1		<p>A query was raised regarding the notification of any changes to traffic conditions.</p> <p>Abigroup advised that notifications will be made via the CIG, advertisements in the local papers and depending on the number of residents affected a letterbox drop. Additionally, information is always available at the Project Information Centre.</p>	
1.2		<p>Concerns were raised as to whether residents understood the complaints process after the project is completed. It was suggested a fact sheet advising residents on how to lodge noise complaints after the works were completed be distributed.</p> <p>The RTA advised the process was the same for all complaints.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the Project Information Number (1800 725 321) would be operational for approximately three months after the works are completed.</p>	
1.3		<p>Concerns were raised regarding the level of noise during construction and the process of informing residents on what to expect during construction.</p> <p>Abigroup explained that most complaints about noise were in relation to the reversing beacon on the trucks. The reversing beacon was unable to be switched off as they are a requirement of the OH&S legislation. Abigroup reassured that residents will be notified of any out of hour's works.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the project information number and that the Project Information Centre is open to the public, Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm for any questions or concerns.</p>	
2	Actions arising from last meeting	<p>#3.3.2 Abigroup water use during construction – Abigroup presentation</p> <p>#3.3.3 Water source executive summary – Abigroup presentation</p> <p>#4.2.1 RTA fact sheet 05.231 – Abigroup advised the content of the fact sheet is the same with different wording.</p> <p>#5 Commencement of work for Traffic Control Plans 3 to 6 (Archville Station Road, East Bonville Road and Williams Road) will be January 2007 with traffic expected to be diverted in March 2007.</p> <p>#6.5.1 Water supply for batch plant – Abigroup presentation</p>	

3	Abigroup Project update		
3.1	Design update	Gordon Boer – Abigroup, Design Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design is a weighted average of 78% complete. The southern alignment clearing has commenced. 	
3.2	Construction update	Jason Moran – Abigroup, Project Manager – Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site Office is setup Seed Collection – ongoing Parrawebing – ongoing Striping topsoil – Perry's Road to RTA speed camera Cut/Fill of service road Erosion and sedimentation measures Water Extraction – Bonville Creek Clearing – ongoing Traffic control for isolated movement of plant and setting up concrete barriers/signage Setup of access points 	
3.2.1	Questions	A CIG member questioned what was happening with the mulch and the danger of it catching alight. Abigroup responded that the mulch piles are monitored with two permanent water carts available on site. The mulch is being used for erosion and sedimentation control on site.	
3.3	Community and Communications update	Matt Frodsham – Abigroup, Community & Communications Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Information Centre is now open with nine visitors to date Highway signs are 50% completed with the North Bound Sign still to be erected Acknowledgement of the usage of B-Doubles on Bonville Station Road signed off by local residents Acknowledgement of installation of the Batch Plant and usage of B-Doubles on Archville Station Road signed off by local residents 	
4	Presentations		
4.1		Abigroup water source investigations presentation – Jason Moran	
4.1.1	Questions	In the previous minutes it was noted that Abigroup agreed to consider providing a copy of the executive summary of the water report by Coffey's when it became available. Abigroup advised the report from Coffey's was a large document of tables and will now not be available to members of the CIG as the report does not analyse the tabled data.	

4.1.2		<p>Concerns were expressed for the residents of Pine Creek being totally dependent on the creek for their water supply and the effects of Abigroup drawing water.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the use of water will be closely monitored with bore locations as back-up.</p> <p>RTA reaffirmed the project having DNR approval/ licences to draw water.</p> <p>Abigroup added constraints are within the licence controlling the usage, depth etc and will only be extracting as needed.</p> <p>It was asked if Abigroup had any idea of the amount of usage we will require.</p> <p>Abigroup responded that approximately 80,000 litres a day was required with the water being drawn from several sources.</p>	
4.2	Presentation	<p>Abigroup presentation - Perrys Road and Keevers Drive - Neil Pittaway</p> <p>There will be a temporary arrangement on Perrys Road until the opening of the upgrade. A seagull intersection (as currently on Bonville Station intersection) is proposed with discussions in progress with the RTA. Once approved residents will be notified via local newspaper advertisements and a letter box drop.</p>	
5	General Discussion		
5.1		<p>Concerns were raised regarding the letter received from Nambucca Plumbing in relation to the Schedule 23 requesting signatures from residents to indicate the first flush system had been installed.</p> <p>Abigroup acknowledged the letter from Nambucca Plumbing was not the most appropriate way of seeking approval as there had been a number of teething problems.</p> <p>A CIG member has advised residents not to sign the schedule as many were incorrect showing systems that were not actually installed or more than one diverter where only one diverter was supplied. One resident received a letter when they are totally dependant on bore water and did not have any first flush devices installed. Concern was also expressed at the wording of the document especially the word "indemnity" in Clause 2. It was felt that it took away the good will residents have with Abigroup.</p> <p>Abigroup to contact Nambucca Plumbing to discuss the works completed and the schedule 23.</p>	Abigroup
5.2		<p>Grandis Road residents were still concerned with the level of noise they are anticipating on the upgrade when operational.</p>	
5.3		<p>Abigroup are liaising with the RTA regarding the naming of the new road running parallel to the Highway north of Mailman's Track.</p>	
5.4		<p>Abigroup brought to the attention of the CIG an email received from one CIG member which raised several concerns.</p> <p>Refer to the attached handout listing the questions raised and the responses by Abigroup.</p>	

5.5		<p>Abigroup advised that they are complying with all regulations set out by the State and Federal Government, RTA and independent verifiers. Martin Hicks - Environmental Management Representative provided assurance of this compliance.</p> <p>Abigroup reiterated their intentions of maintaining a high standard of operations and any persons with concerns are able to contact Abigroup.</p>	
5.6		<p>Concerns were again raised regarding the services of WIRES. Abigroup informed the committee that Mr John Martindale has been contracted by Abigroup. John is a Fauna Specialist with fifteen years experience with National Parks. Concerns were raised regarding Hollow dependent animals. Abigroup confirmed any hollow dependent animal will be re-located to a vacant hollow.</p>	
6	Next Meeting	<p>Meeting #6 14th February 2007</p> <p>Project Site Office, Bonville Station Road, Bonville 6.00pm – 8.00pm</p>	

Attachment – Item 5.4

- Q1. “It has come to my attention that a couple of rainwater diverters have not been installed correctly at residences. This is pretty basic stuff to get right. An explanation would be appreciated”.

Q1 regarding diverters being installed incorrectly, Abigroup was disappointed that residents are not contacting the Community Relations Team with any concerns they may have and emphasised the role of the Community Relations Team.

- Q2. “Noise. The EIS is quite clear what was to be installed to mitigate noise for the project. I understand that Abigroup are attempting to get out of these requirements by saying that they can be managed another way refusing at this stage to install all EIS agreed measures for those worse affected. What policy guideline allows this to happen as the Ministers approval for the project was quite clear. An explanation would be appreciated”.

- Q3. “Noise is to be measured approximately 2 months after the completion of the project at which time noise levels will be assessed. What other noise monitoring events are planned after this date. Increased traffic movements with other pacific highway upgrades coming on stream over the next decade will significantly increase traffic noise. Has this been estimated in the noise studies? If this future noise is greater than the EIS and/or review after completion of the project, what mechanism if any is in place for future noise abatement measures to be installed, or do residents have to live with it”?

- Q4. “The M5 was completed by experts and noise management studies was undertaken, yet if I recall last week noise came in 65% greater than planned. I appreciate that noise management studies are being undertaken professionally but I am still concerned that residents will face increased noise levels after the project is completed”.

Q2, Q3, Q4 regarding noise issues are to be addressed in the meeting held in February 2007.

- Q5. “Gordon presented bridge plans for Reedy Creek at the last meeting yet I observed it did not mention the original boreholes completed by PPK/RTA in 1997/98. Is this purely an oversight”?

Q5 this was not an over site as the presentation was provided as an overview of works that are relevant to the CIG.

- Q6. “What will happen to the peizometers installed for the EIS and later ones around 2002? Will they be maintained to monitor groundwater conditions in the area not only during construction, but afterwards as well? If not why not and what borehole decommissioning will occur”.

- Q7. “Following on from the last meeting, any groundwater bores will need to be licensed as indicated I believe by Ian to my right at the last meeting. I indicated that the original peizometers despite being required to be licensed in the EIS had indeed not been licensed and were installed illegally. As at October 2004, these peizometers had not been licensed. Have they been licensed yet”?

Q8. “The batching plant is going to be built along Archville Station Road. Located here is a peizometer that has been broken off at ground level for a number of years . Has this subsequently been repaired as surface water can enter this borehole and contaminate groundwater supplies. Obviously this needs to be fixed before any batching plant is established”.

Q9. “Indeed what is the state of repair of all peizometers in the Bonville project”?

Q6, Q7, Q8 & Q9 Are outside the scope of the CIG, however the RTA will address these questions outside the CIG forum.

Q10. “Further to my last request I would be interested in reading the Coffey groundwater report and not just the summary, as always the devil is in the detail”.

Q10 as noted in these notes a copy of the executive report from Coffey's will not be made available.

Q11. “Has a decision been made on water sources for the new batching plant and other requirements. Details were provided to Jason Moran of a supplier who can possibly supply most of the water needs and is interested in selling water to Abigroup, but this supplier as of last week has not been contacted”.

Q11 Presentation papers on Project Water Usage will be provided to all CIG members. Abigroup will not be contracting a water supplier at this stage.

Q12. “How is it that instructions for saving the Gallipoli pine saw the wrong tree ringed off on private property on the opposite side of the new freeway”?

Q12 Abigroup confirmed the error with the pine tree and assured the CIG that upon discovering the error it was rectified immediately; all measures are taken using sensitive area drawings but occasionally human error occurs.