

**Bonville Upgrade Project
Community Interest Group**

NOTES

**Meeting #6
Wednesday 14th February 2007
Project Site Office
Bonville Station Road, Bonville
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

CIG members in attendance

Tony Brindley
Garry Carr
Ron Duncan
Mike Edsall

Peter Haskins
Trish Herraman
Rod Lynn
Mike Newcombe

Angela O'Brien
Ron Sprudd
Mike Thomas

Project representatives in attendance

Colin Solomon, RTA
Chris Clark, RTA

Chris Bryce, Abigroup
Gordon Boer, Abigroup
Matt Frodsham, Abigroup
Ian Irwin, Abigroup
Jason Moran, Abigroup
Cindy Douglas, Abigroup
Neil Pittaway, Abigroup

Apologies

Ann Coyle
Martin Hicks, EMR (Environmental Management Representative)

Tabled/Handouts

Abigroup presentation – Project Update

Abigroup presentation – Community Update

No.	Item	Issues / Actions	Action by
1	Welcome & Introductions	<p>Matt Frodsham - Facilitator</p> <p>Welcome to all attendees. Apologies noted.</p> <p>Comments from the previous meeting notes were received see Item 1.1.</p>	
1.1		<p>The CIG questioned information on the RTA fact sheet "how noise is addressed", the fact sheet indicates the decibel reading of a heavy truck travelling at 40km measured at a distance of 7m. What would the decibel reading be if the truck was travelling at 100km measured at a distance of 7m.</p> <p>Response to be provided at the next meeting.</p>	RTA
2	Actions arising from last meeting	<p>#5.1 Schedule 23 – Abigroup advised all Schedule 23 paperwork has been returned to Abigroup from Nambucca Plumbing. Residents with schedules outstanding were contacted via telephone with the majority being returned and the originals will be forwarded to the RTA.</p>	
		<p>#4.1.1 Coffey's Report – The CIG requested a summary of the outcome of the Coffey's report.</p> <p>Abigroup responded there were two main points from the report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suitability of the water for the concrete. 2. Surface water monitoring of creek lines. 	
3	Abigroup Project update		
3.1	Design update	<p>Gordon Boer – Abigroup, Design Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design is a weighted average of 92% complete. • All six road alignment and all three transverse drainage design lots have been verified • Road Furniture design lots are in progress 	
3.2	Construction update	<p>Jason Moran – Abigroup, Project Manager</p> <p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently clearing between East Bonville Road and Bonville Station Road and the western side of the existing highway between Mailman's Track and Overhead Bridge Road • Total area cleared to date: 57 ha (70%) • Currently fencing at East Bonville Road • Total fenced to date: 2km • Stormwater pipes placed: 592m • Permanent sediment basins built to date: 1 • Temporary sediment basins built to date: 2 • All sediment controls have been placed up to Bonville Creek • Top Soil moved to date: 47 000m³ • Earth moved to date: 149 000 m³ • Keever's Drive – the area for the new intersection has been cleared and work is continuing with compacting the foundation for the road base. 	

3.2.1	Questions	<p>The CIG enquired when the intersection on Keever's Drive will be open.</p> <p>Abigroup responded the end of February or the beginning of March (weather permitting).</p>	
3.2.1	Questions	<p>A CIG member expressed concerns with the mulcher operating after 6.00pm.</p> <p>Abigroup will follow up on this information and explained that construction hours are from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 1pm Saturdays unless after hours approval is sought from residents.</p>	
3.2.1		<p>A CIG member expressed concerns at the level of dust created from the works along Grandis Road.</p> <p>Abigroup explained dust minimisation measures on Grandis Road included leaving a vegetation corridor, utilising water carts, re-directing works depending on wind conditions and designated areas for light vehicles.</p>	
3.3	Community and Communications update	<p>Cindy Douglas – Abigroup, Community Relations Assistant Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of visitors to the Project Information Centre for the period of December and January – 126. • Media Coverage – two articles published in the Coffs Harbour Advocate. A project update item shown on NBN news. • Community Updates were issued to CIG members, Bellingen Shire Council, Coffs Harbour City Council, Repton, Mylestom and Bonville Post Offices. • Changes to the Keevers Drive/ Pacific Highway intersection notifications were delivered to the Post Offices of Repton and Mylestom (approx 800). • Approx 70 notifications were letterbox dropped along Archville Station, East Bonville and Williams Road advising residents of the commencement of work in these areas. 	
4	General Discussion		
4.1		<p>The CIG enquired as to the intentions of the RTA in regards to the parcel of land east of the project site office along Bonville Station Road.</p> <p>The RTA responded the land would likely be placed for sale on the open market through the RTA property section after the project is completed.</p>	

4.2		<p>The CIG enquired on the environmental management during recent clearing and has WIRES been involved.</p> <p>Abigroup responded, WIRES are no longer involved with the project (with rescue activities now being undertaken by Wildthing) however, Fauna Ecologist, John Martindale continues to spotlight and check habitats with no incident of any threatened or endangered species found. If a koala is located prior to clearing commencing, all clearing ceases until the koala relocates itself or it is captured and released elsewhere.</p>	
4.3		<p>Abigroup advised the CIG of the erosion and sedimentation controls using fallen trees, branches and mulch as an alternative to sedimentation fence as it has a drop out rate for sediment in water similar to if not better than a sediment fence. Several Government Agencies visiting the site this week were impressed with the sedimentation controls.</p>	
4.4		<p>The CIG enquired why the Soil and Water Sub-plan provided no details on ground water monitoring.</p> <p>Abigroup's response provided post meeting. (The Soil and Water Management Sub-plan mentions groundwater and states that it will be monitored if it is encountered as part of the road construction, but that this is not expected as detailed in the geotechnical information).</p> <p>A CIG member requested copies of plans as they are not available on the website.</p> <p>The CIG member is to advise Abigroup of the plans required and the Community Relations Team will assist where possible.</p>	Abigroup
4.5		<p>The CIG requested that Abigroup distribute a friendly reminder to all staff regarding speed limits and leaving the compound in a safe manner.</p> <p>Abigroup will address local speed limits and safety at the next Toolbox Meeting and requested all vehicle registration numbers and incidents be reported to Abigroup for follow up.</p>	
4.6		<p>The CIG enquired if there were provisions to repair any damage that may occur to the local roads during construction.</p> <p>Abigroup responded all local roads are checked by independent Road Surveyors as part of Abigroup's contract and that any damage caused by construction of the project would be repaired.</p>	

4.7		<p>The CIG enquired into traffic delays along Bonville Station Road as per the map provided by Abigroup.</p> <p>Abigroup responded that any traffic disruption would be managed using road traffic control and signage. There would be minimal disruption as it will only be for scrapers and machinery crossing the road, school peak hours will be avoided where possible. Notifications have been forwarded to the Traffic and Transport Group and the Emergency Services Group.</p>	
4.8		<p>A CIG member offered their compliments to the truck drivers using Bonville Station Road and thanks for adhering to the speed limits.</p>	
4.9		<p>The CIG enquired if Abigroup have dust monitors located in the Grandis Road area.</p> <p>Abigroup confirmed dust monitors are located in the Grandis Road area, however, would need to confirm the exact number. Abigroup is mindful of a resident with severe asthma residing on Grandis Road and has taken steps including leaving a corridor of vegetation and re-directing works depending on wind conditions to reduce the amount of dust.</p>	Abigroup
4.10		<p>A CIG member requested a copy of the Coffey's Report.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the CIG that the water report as discussed in previous CIG Meetings will not be available to the public.</p>	
4.11		<p>Abigroup advised the location of bores sunk to date are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 - RTA Inspection Bays 2 - Archville Station Road 1 - Site Office 1 - Williams Road 	
4.12		<p>The CIG enquired as to how the settlement of the road is managed.</p> <p>Abigroup explained that the depths of soft soil are considerably less than those experienced at Raleigh. Design and proposed construction techniques have accounted for the nature and strength (compressibility) of the soil.</p>	
4.13		<p>A CIG Member enquired into the testing of the water quality on Grandis Road.</p> <p>Abigroup will not be testing every residential bore in the area as steps are being taken to ensure that the works on the Bonville Upgrade will not impact on ground water.</p> <p>A CIG member asked that all broken piezometers in the area be checked.</p> <p>Abigroup responded this is outside the scope of the Bonville Upgrade Project however, any piezometers on site will be decommissioned.</p>	

4.14		<p>A CIG member asked when the presentation on soil will be and how is the soil being removed.</p> <p>Abigroup advised that the Construction Soil and Water Quality Management Sub-plan and Construction Spoil and Fill Management Plan are available at the Project Information Centre.</p> <p>Abigroup would consider a presentation on soils however none has been scheduled to date.</p>	
5	Next Meeting	<p>Meeting #7 14th March 2007</p> <p>Project Site Office, Bonville Station Road, Bonville 6.00pm – 8.00pm</p>	