

**Bonville Upgrade Project
Community Interest Group**

NOTES

**Meeting #7
Wednesday 14th March 2007
Project Site Office
Bonville Station Road, Bonville
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

CIG members in attendance

Tony Brindley
Garry Carr
Evan Clark
Mike Edsall

Ann Coyle
Trish Herraman
Rod Lynn
Mike Newcombe

Ron Sprudd
Lee Beckett
(representative for Ron
Duncan)

Project representatives in attendance

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

Martin Hicks, EMR (Environmental Management
Representative)

Apologies

Chris Clark, RTA
Ron Duncan
Angela O'Brien

Peter Haskins

Tabled/Handouts

Abigroup presentation – Bassett Operational Noise Management

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. Lee Beckett was introduced as a replacement attendee for Ron Duncan.</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>Resignations were noted from Trevor Pike and Mike Thomas, at this stage it was unclear if the residents from Grandis Road will nominate another representative.</p>	
2	Actions arising from last meeting	<p>#1.1 RTA Noise Fact Sheet</p> <p>The CIG questioned the information shown 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>The RTA advised a truck measured at a distance of 20 metres travelling at 100km/hr would give a decibel reading of approximately 75 – 85 decibels, a truck measured at approximately 7 metres travelling at 100km/hr would present a reading of approximately 92 decibels.</p>	
		<p>#4.9 Grandis Road Dust Monitors</p> <p>The CIG inquired if dust monitors are located in the Grandis Road area and if not why.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the CIG there are no dust monitors located on Grandis Road however, there is one located on East Bonville Road and on Bonville Station Road. These monitors are located closer to the boundary therefore provide a higher level reading of dust than would be shown from any monitors located on Grandis Road.</p> <p>Water carts, vegetation walls and wind direction monitoring are all used to reduce dust concerns. All dust complaints are dealt with immediately and on an individual basis.</p> <p>The Community Relations Manager had previously spoken to Mike Thomas to organise a meeting with the residents of Grandis Road to address concerns and provide information on the construction process.</p>	
3	Noise Presentation	Gordon Boer – Abigroup, Design Manager	

3.1	Questions	<p>The CIG inquired if and how noise monitoring will be conducted once construction is complete and the road is operational.</p> <p>Abigroup informed the CIG noise levels will be monitored for a period of up to 12 months after the road is operational. Noise monitoring is measured at several locations and taken at approximately 1 metre from dwellings.</p>	
		<p>The CIG members were concerned residents were not informed well enough on the process of submitting a complaint once the road is operational and the Abigroup site office has closed.</p> <p>Abigroup explained they are contracted to maintain the road for a period of 10 years. It was noted that Abigroup will provide complaint contact information in the next Community Update and on the website advising who to contact after the road is operational.</p> <p>The RTA added complaints relevant to the road once operational can be directed to the RTA Pacific Highway Office located in Grafton. These details will be provided in all future editions of the Community Update.</p> <p>The June/July edition of the Community Update will feature information on noise.</p>	Abigroup
4	Abigroup Project update		
4.1	Design update	<p>Gordon Boer – Abigroup, Design Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design is a weighted average of 95% complete. • All but two bridges are in final design • Road Furniture design is at 100% 	

4.2	Construction update	<p>Jason Moran – Abigroup, Project Manager Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently clearing between Bonville Creek and Lyons Road • Western side of Highway between Mailmans Track and Overhead Bridge Rd requires tub-grinding of tree branches only • Total area cleared to date: 82 Ha (95%) • Currently fencing from Archville Station Road to Bonville Station Road • Total distance fenced to date: 2.6 km • Storm water pipes placed to date: 592 m • Permanent Sediment Basins built to date: 3 • All Sediment Controls have been placed up to Bonville Creek • Fleet 1 – Operating between Overhead Bridge Road and Pine Creek • Fleet 2 and 3 – Cut/fill operations from Pine Creek to Bonville Station Road • Top Soil moved to date: 52 000 m3 • Earth moved to date: 230 000 m3 • Keevers Drive intersection opened on the 28th February 2007 • Constructing temporary pavement on the northbound carriageway adjacent the previous Perrys Road intersection. 	
4.2	Construction update continued	<p>Jason Moran – Abigroup, Project Manager Presentation</p> <p>What is concrete cutting?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What to expect? <i>Residents can expect disruptive noise whilst the cutting is operational. Depending on the weather cutting may continue through the night.</i> • When will it occur – why after hours? <i>Concrete cutting will commence in May 2007 at the southern end of the project and will continue for approximately 12 months. The concrete needs to be cut prior to curing. Concrete is poured during the day and cut during the evening before it hardens.</i> • DEC approval for after hours work. <i>As concrete cutting is essential to the construction of the road after hours approval is not sought from residents however notification will be provided to residents prior to works commencing.</i> 	
4.2.1	Questions		

4.2.2		<p>The CIG inquired how effective the Sedimentation Basins were.</p> <p>Abigroup explained that sediment basins were working according to their design and construction in accordance with the 'Blue Book' (the industry and DEC accepted protocols for erosion and sediment controls).</p> <p>The basins are also licensed for discharge in accordance with the project environment protection licence (EPL) which establishes levels and requirements which the project has to meet and is reviewed regularly by DEC.</p>	
4.3	Community and Communications update	<p>Cindy Douglas – Abigroup, Community Relations Assistant Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 143 visitors for the month of February • Total of 269 visitors • Residents seeking general project information • Numerous requests for employment • Concerns over the dust created from mulching • No media coverage although a couple of candidates in the NSW election have included the Bonville Upgrade as part of their political advertising. • Keepers Drive intersection opened 28.02.07 	
4.3.1	Questions	<p>The CIG inquired as to how many complaints were received for the month and if it is possible to present the number of complaints and the reasons in the Community and Communications Update from now on.</p> <p>Abigroup agreed to provide monthly numbers and reasons for complaints at all upcoming CIG Meetings.</p>	Abigroup
5	General Discussion		
5.1		<p>The CIG inquired if a feedback form from the CIG to Abigroup is a viable idea, providing Abigroup with information on how to improve future CIG meetings and if they are worthwhile for the community and Abigroup.</p> <p>Abigroup feels the CIG is valuable in keeping the community informed on construction activities, it also provides the opportunity for members of the community to ask questions of the Project Team.</p> <p>Martin Hicks (EMR) informed the CIG that he provides the Department of Planning with verbal feedback from each meeting he attends and that it would be of interest to have a feedback form completed by members of the CIG</p> <p>Abigroup and the CIG agreed for Martin Hicks (EMR) to provide a feedback questionnaire to the CIG.</p>	EMR

5.2		<p>The CIG inquired as to the noise levels of the mulcher.</p> <p>The RTA is not able to provide an exact decibel reading as it depends on conditions.</p> <p>Martin Hicks added the guidelines for the operation of equipment were being met.</p>	
5.3		<p>A CIG member offered their thanks to Abigroup for adhering to the speed limits along Bonville Station Road.</p>	
5.4		<p>The CIG inquired if the new Keevers Drive intersection will be permanent?</p> <p>Abigroup explained the new intersection will be long term temporary until the new overpass at Mailmans Track is constructed.</p>	
6	Next Meeting	<p>Meeting #7 11th April 2007</p> <p>Project Site Office, Bonville Station Road, Bonville 6.00pm – 8.00pm</p>	