

**Bonville Upgrade Project
Community Interest Group**

NOTES

**Meeting #9
Wednesday 13th June 2007
Project Site Office
Bonville Station Road, Bonville
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

CIG members in attendance

Tony Brindley	Trish Herraman
Ann Coyle	Ron Sprudd
Mike Edsall	

Project representatives in attendance

Colin Solomon, RTA	Jason Moran, Abigroup
	Neil Pittaway, Abigroup
	Matt Frodsham, Abigroup
	Cindy Douglas, Abigroup

Apologies

Chris Bryce, Abigroup	Evan Clark
Gordon Boer, Abigroup	Ron Duncan
	Peter Haskins
Chris Clark, RTA	Peter Lubans
Adam Cameron, RTA	Mike Newcombe
	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.</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>Comments from the previous meeting notes were received and Abigroup agreed to update Item 4.9 of the notes from Meeting 8.</p> <p>Resignations were noted from Angela O'Brien the representative from Coffs Harbour City Council, a replacement representative has yet to be advised.</p> <p>It was noted that the Environmental Manager Ian Irwin has ceased employment with Abigroup. This position is temporarily being covered by Sarah Marshall and Mark Sabolch until the full time Environmental Manager Rebecca Walker-Edwards commences employment in July 07.</p>	
2	Actions arising from last meeting	<p># 4.3 Strouds Road</p> <p>A CIG member requested an update following the media attention regarding Strouds Road as several residents had approached him.</p> <p>Abigroup and the RTA met with the residents of Strouds Road and local member Andrew Fraser on the 27th April 2007 to discuss the review of possible design refinements. Abigroup and the RTA re-viewed the design to determine the possibility of reducing the number of trees being cleared. The residents agreed the original design (with slightly modified clearing limits) was the preferred option. Clearing commenced early May with more clearing possibly needed as part of the review to change the access to several resident's properties north of Lyons Road.</p>	
		<p># 4.4 Fauna Fencing</p> <p>A CIG member inquired as to the re- location of the fauna fence once the traffic is re-directed from the Pacific Highway onto the service road and how long will the service road be operational. The CIG member is concerned when the service road is operating the fauna fencing will be on the wrong side to protect wildlife from traffic.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the CIG discussions had taken place between Abigroup, RTA and the DECC. A mixture of three types of fencing will be erected prior to the opening of the service road. Sections will consist of permanent fauna fencing, concrete barriers and netting with a floppy top. Upon completion of the upgrade fauna fencing will be installed permanently.</p> <p>The CIG commented they were appreciative of the amount of thought and work that had gone into the temporary fencing.</p>	

		<p># 4.5 Quolls A CIG member inquired if any evidence of Quolls had been reported as they are concerned that the fauna studies undertaken have missed the presence of Quolls.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the CIG the EMR and Fauna Ecologist had no previous reports of Quolls from daily inspections. Abigroup advised the presence of Quolls would be reported should there be any sightings.</p>	
		<p># 4.8 Air-conditioning A CIG member inquired if all air-conditioners installed for noise mitigation were working.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the response to this inquiry would be provided in the Community update.</p>	
		<p># 4.12 Eucalyptus Grandis Gum Tree The CIG inquired if the Eucalyptus Grandis Gum tree will be planted along the alignment as concerns were raised as to the suitability of this species along the alignment.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the Eucalyptus Grandis Gum Tree would be planted in the Tall Forest areas along the alignment.</p> <p>The CIG inquired if it is being planted on the Fauna overpass and at what other locations and how many approximately were to be planted. The CIG suggested using Tallowwood or Mahogany Trees.</p> <p>Abigroup advised it will review the Landscape Design and pass on comments through the next Monthly Update.</p>	Abigroup
		<p># CIG Questionnaire Abigroup and the CIG agreed for Martin Hicks (EMR) to provide a feedback questionnaire to the CIG.</p> <p>Abigroup advised this response remained pending as Martin Hicks was unable to attend this CIG Meeting.</p>	EMR
3	Abigroup Project update		
3.1	Construction update	<p>Jason Moran – Project Manager, Earthworks Abigroup presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearing remaining is staging works near Overhead Bridge Road. • Currently installing fauna fencing from Perrys Road to the speed camera. • Total distance fenced to date: 4.3 km • Storm water pipes placed: 3800 m • Permanent Sediment Basins built to date: 21 • All sediment controls have been placed on the entire Project. • Fleet 1 – re-located to Mailmans Track for works occurring after the service road switch. • Fleet 2 – cut/fill operations from Overhead Bridge Road to Pine Creek, Fleet 2 will also undertake works at the rear of Grandis Road for duration of four weeks starting mid July. 	

3.1	Construction update continued	<p>Jason Moran – Project Manager, Earthworks Abigroup presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strouds Road cut to fill operations will commence over the following weeks. • Top Soil moved to date: 110 000 m3 • Earth moved to date: 810 000 m3 • The first of four controlled blasts will take place on Friday 15th June 2007 between 1.00pm and 3.00pm at Williams Road. • Paving – ongoing. • Concrete cutting will commence the week 19.06.07 at Perrys Road and intermittently thereafter. • Traffic switch onto the service road between Perrys Road and Overhead Bridge Road scheduled for mid July 2007. <p><u>ROCK BLASTING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the blasting is to loosen underground rock to enable the highway earthworks to be completed. • Careful consideration has been given to the blast design and quality control to prevent fly rock. Approval has been granted by the RTA. • Residents located within the 300m exclusion zone will be required to vacate their properties whilst blasting is in progress. 	
3.1.1	Questions		
3.1.2		<p>The CIG inquired if Abigroup are using fill in any areas of the upgrade.</p> <p>Abigroup informed the CIG that fill was being sourced externally and utilised along the alignment.</p>	
3.1.3		<p>The CIG inquired as to when the traffic switch onto the service road will occur.</p> <p>Abigroup informed the CIG the traffic switch is scheduled for mid July 2007.</p>	
3.1.4		<p>The CIG inquired as to whether the southern strip will be inspected for Wildlife prior to the opening of the service road as the CIG are concerned wildlife will become trapped in that area.</p> <p>The RTA responded several checks will occur making sure no animals are stranded.</p>	
3.1.5		<p>The CIG inquired if the wet weather is causing delays with progress.</p> <p>Abigroup informed the CIG the wet weather was not causing too much of a concern at this stage of the Project.</p>	

3.2	Bridges Update	<p>Jason Moran – Project Manager, Structures Abigroup presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridgeworks are underway at Mailmans Track, Pine Creek, Archville Station Road, East Bonville Road and Bonville Creek. • The substructure at Mailmans Track is now complete with super tee girders being erected early June. • Earthworks to the abutments at the Fauna Underpass on the northern side of Archville Station Road are complete and undergoing settlement. • Works on the piling platform on the southern banks of Bonville Creek are complete and work on the piling platform on the northern bank is underway. • Piling at Pine Creek is nearing completion with substructure works on the southern side of Pine Creek underway. • The piling platform for the central pier at Reedys Creek is complete and piling commenced mid June. • At Archville Station Road the central pier footing has been poured and work is underway on the central pier formwork with expected completion mid June. Piling is expected to be done at the abutments here in late June following completion of the settlement period. • Piling at Bonville Station Road has been completed and work is underway extending the piles. 	
3.3	Community and Communications update	<p>Cindy Douglas – Community Relations Assistant Abigroup presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 visitors for the month of May • Total to date 531 visitors <p><u>Complaints</u></p> <p>May 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Services • 1 Noise Construction <p><u>Rock Blasting</u></p> <p>Rock Blasting is scheduled on the alignment near Williams Road for the 15.06.07 between 1.00pm – 3.00pm. The following Groups have been contacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Williams Road residents • Traffic & Transport Group • Emergency Services Group • Coffs Harbour Christian Community High School • National Parks & Wildlife Service • Department of Environment & Climate Change • Coffs Harbour City Council 	

3.3	Community and Communications update continued	<p>Cindy Douglas – Abigroup, Community Relations Assistant Presentation</p> <p>Abigroup previously advised the CIG all air-conditioning units were finalised however; three units were still not operating due to upgrade works pending from Country Energy.</p> <p>Country Energy completed the required upgrades in April with the sub-contractor finalising installation in May. Confirmation has been received with only one units installation pending.</p> <p><u>Media Coverage</u> Coffs Coast Advocate on the 30 May 2007 Letter to the editor – Luke Hartsuyker (Federal Member for Cowper)</p>	
4	General Discussion		
4.1		<p>Abigroup proposed a site tour along the upgrade for the CIG members on Saturday 7th July 2007. Abigroup welcomed interest from the CIG and will email the details in the near future.</p> <p>The CIG members expressed interest and would appreciate the opportunity to view the works from a closer perspective.</p>	Abigroup
4.2		<p>Abigroup informed the CIG of proposed out of hours works commencing at 6.00am weekdays and extending working hours on a Saturday until 5.00pm at the southern end of the project near Perrys Road. This work would continue for approximately three to four weeks to enable the work to be completed as soon as possible.</p> <p>The CIG inquired as to if Abigroup is working until 6.00pm during the winter months.</p> <p>Abigroup informed the CIG daily works were ceasing at approximately 5.00pm – 5.30pm as it is often too dangerous to continue working due to the poor light.</p>	
4.3		<p>The CIG inquired if it is possible for school groups to visit the site.</p> <p>Abigroup responded the Project Information Centre is open to the public alternatively presentations to school groups can be arranged.</p>	
4.4		<p>A CIG member inquired into the incident involving a crane.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the matter was being investigated by Workcover and that no persons were injured in the incident.</p>	
4.5		<p>A CIG member inquired as to a report of a bore collapsing.</p> <p>Abigroup confirmed a collapsed bore had been reported and was being investigated.</p>	

4.6		<p>A CIG member inquired as to whether washable filters had been installed.</p> <p>Abigroup advised replacement washable filters have been provided at Abigroup's expense.</p>	
4.7		<p>A CIG member inquired as to the status of the double glazing works.</p> <p>Abigroup advised works on four properties will begin the week commencing the 18th June 2007 with three remaining properties still in the process of discussion as to what mitigation would be completed.</p>	
4.8		<p>The CIG inquired if the Grandis Road residents had nominated a replacement representative.</p> <p>Abigroup informed the CIG the Community Relations Manager had approach each resident of Grandis Road to discuss any concerns they may have, however no Representative from Grandis Road had been proposed.</p>	
5	Next Meeting	<p>Meeting #10 8th August 2007</p> <p>Project Site Office, Bonville Station Road, Bonville 6.00pm – 8.00pm</p>	