

**Karuah to Bulahdelah Upgrade Project
Community Interest Group**

NOTES

**Meeting #14
Tuesday 23 September 2008
Project Site Office
Pacific Highway
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

CIG members in attendance

Peter Kendall	Rex Filson
Yvonne Kendall	Greg Pitt
Juergen Seil	Noel Cox
Arthur Vinnicombe	

Project representatives in attendance

Jason Voigt	Abigroup
Grant Fletcher	Abigroup
Matt Frodsham	Abigroup
Cindy Thomas	Abigroup

Dick Whibley	RTA
Ian Long	RTA

Murray Curtis	ERM
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Guests

Glen Frith	President of the Nerong Progress Association
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Apologies

Steve Kiddle	Abigroup
Al McKinnon	RTA

No.	Item	Issues / Actions	Action by
1	Welcome & Introductions	<p>Cindy Douglas – Facilitator</p> <p>Welcome to all attendees. Jason Voigt, Project Manager of Abigroup and Glen Frith, President of the Nerong Progress Association were introduced.</p> <p>The CIG were advised of the resignation of John and Kelly Kurth.</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>No comments from the previous meeting notes were received.</p>	
2	Actions arising from last meeting	Nil	
3	Abigroup Project update	<p>Abigroup advised the good weather had allowed for progress with the focus on the first major traffic switch of traffic onto the south bound carriageway. Major earthworks will re-commence with the removal of the old Highway.</p> <p>Southern Section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainline paving is complete with shoulder and gutter paving continuing. Finishing earthworks are progressing well, allowing landscaping and sign installation to commence early October. The first traffic switch on to this section is due around 31st October. <p>Viney Creek West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two weeks duration for completion of works, starting early October 08. <p>Viney Creek East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealing is complete with tie in barrier works continuing. <p>Southbound Rest Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asphaltting will commence around 8th October. • Structures are complete with the picnic shelters, sewer systems, toilet block and light poles complete and defects rectified. Asphalt, line marking, signage and landscaping works continuing. <p>Nerong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three main cuttings are mostly complete on the northbound carriageway and are now down to road level ready for the first layer of bitumen seal in preparation of paving. <p>Whimbrel Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works are almost complete with asphalt works commencing in the second week of October • Minor drainage works are continuing. • Kerb and guttering works are complete with the re-location of the bus shelter pending. <p>Grey Gum Gully to Northern limit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paving commenced yesterday will the second major switch scheduled for mid December 08. 	

3	Abigroup Project update	Abigroup advised quotes had been sourced and a sub-contractor was about to be signed to supply and install the visual barrier fence.	
3.1	Questions	<p>The CIG inquired what will the surface of Whimbrel Drive be.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the final surface will be asphalt similar to "The Rock" area.</p>	
		<p>A CIG member inquired as to a slip/merge lane for motorists exiting Whimbrel Drive onto the new alignment.</p> <p>RTA advised the concept is to construct a dual carriageway from Sydney to Brisbane at the speed of 110kmph. The intersection is designed for motorists to stop and then exit onto the new alignment with adequate line of sight for entry.</p> <p>The CIG member expressed safety concerns and requested the details of where they can formally lodge their concerns.</p> <p>The RTA advised to address the concern to the RTA c/- the Karuah to Bulahdelah Project.</p>	
		<p>The CIG inquired if the Project is behind schedule.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the Project has suffered 38% lost time so far due to wet weather, and therefore are behind targets which were set last year. However the first traffic switch has been targeted for October 2008 for many months now.</p>	
4	General Discussion		
		<p>A CIG member expressed his concern at not being involved in discussions regarding a letter received from a CIG member.</p> <p>The RTA advised the majority of the concerns outlined in the letter relate to the RTA therefore it was suggested at the last minute to meet with the concerned CIG member.</p> <p>Abigroup advised a copy of the notes from that meeting would be sent out with the notes from the CIG meeting.</p>	Abigroup
		<p>The CIG agreed to bring the September CIG Meeting forward to Tuesday 28 October incorporating a site tour.</p> <p>Please RSVP to Cindy Thomas direct on 1800 726 567 or via email cindy.thomas@abigroup.com.au if you wish to attend the site tour.</p>	
5	Next Meeting	<p>Meeting #15 Tuesday 28 October 2008 Site Tour 5.00pm – 6.00pm 6.00pm – 7.00pm Project Site Office</p>	