

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

NOTES

**Meeting #16
Tuesday 27th January 2009
Project Site Office
Pacific Highway
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

CIG members in attendance

Peter Kendall	Noel Cox
Yvonne Kendall	Dick Ahmling
Juergen Seil	Cliff Johnson
Arthur Vinnicombe	

Project representatives in attendance

Jason Voigt	Abigroup
Grant Fletcher	Abigroup
Rhonda Green	Abigroup

Ian Long	RTA
Murray Curtis	ERM

Guests

Dave Feeney	KLALC
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Apologies

Steve Kiddle	Abigroup
Al McKinnon	RTA
Dick Whibley	RTA

No.	Item	Issues / Actions	Action by
1	Welcome & Introductions	<p>Jason Voigt – Project Manager</p> <p>Welcome to all attendees. Rhonda Green, Community Advisor of Abigroup</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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abigroup gave an update on progress with the focus on the opening of the North Bound traffic switch adjacent to Nerong, which will be the third major traffic switch. If the weather is kind, this is planned to occur in the week ending 20th Feb. 2. Since opening the first two sections on the project, major earthworks have recommenced and are around 50% complete in the south and not far behind in the north. 3. It was noted that the Christmas holiday period was incident free, with no maintenance callouts required, illustrating the benefits of the new pavements. 4. Bitumen spray sealing will recommence this week, which is the final step before concrete pavements are installed. 5. Mobile crushing units have reduced in number, with 2 operations at present, one at the southern end of the project, the other in cut 14 (north of Whimbrel Drv) 6. Early works for the Bulahdelah Bypass are expected to be nearly complete by the end of February. <p>7. Southern Section Paving</p> <p>Paving for the Southern Section will commence late February. Abigroup will be bringing another paver to site to work in conjunction with the current paver.</p>	

3.1	Questions	<p>1. Addressed email queries from Peter Kendall (27/01/09) which were (in brief):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Drain behind bus loop, rubbish, access to public; Whimbrel Drive drainage; b) Bus shelter. Abigroup advised that in their good will they would remove the existing bus shelter and deliver it to the slab which council have prepared for them to install. Council were consulted on this previously and are aware (and appreciative) of the arrangement. c) Damage to pavement at intersection of Whimbrel and Plover. Abigroup again confirmed that damaged areas of seal will be repaired d) Landscaping at Whimbrel Drv. Abigroup advised the tree planting and ground cover to be installed (pasture grass and native grass mixes), in accordance with the design; drainage outfall North of Whimbrel Drv, Abigroup agreed to assess stability of berm drains on the western side of the highway leading into the gully; southbound entry onto highway from Whimbrel Drv. <p>2. Additional discussion on point d): Slip/merge lane for motorists exiting Whimbrel Drive turning left onto the new alignment. Interim arrangement/geometry was explained by J Voigt.</p> <p>Broadly speaking, Abigroup along with 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 enter the new alignment with adequate line of sight for entry. This does not include an acceleration lane for the SB left turn onto the highway.</p> <p>In its interim arrangement (after the third traffic switch) there will be adequate provision for all turning movements, vastly improved from the current arrangement.</p>	
4	General Discussion		

		<p>A CIG member communicated the Motor Club's concerns regarding Abigroup workers coming from Tea Gardens, racing each other to work and overtaking vehicles in an unsafe manner.</p> <p>Abigroup (JV) expressed his appreciation that this had been brought to his attention, and informed the CIG members that if they encounter this situation again, please do not hesitate to take record of number plate, and he would take immediate action.</p> <p>As discussed previously Abigroup vehicles are not permitted to use Viney Creek Road</p> <p>CIG members expressed their appreciation for the 80 Kph speed limits.</p> <p>Acknowledgement for the 'artful' use of logs south of the main compound was given, and yes it was intentional! Abigroup advised that these would be used for habitat purposes.</p> <p>Expressions of interest were shown for the paving procedure in regards to what rate the paver operates, and how much preparation was required in front of the paver before it starts. JV expanded on paving operations.</p>	Abigroup
		Abigroup, RTA and CIG members were all in favour for the next CIG meeting to be held on the 28 th April 2009	
5	Next Meeting	<p>Meeting #17 Tuesday 28 April 2009 6.00pm – 7.00pm Project Site Office</p>	