

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

NOTES

**Meeting #17
Tuesday 28th April 2009
Project Site Office
Pacific Highway
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

CIG members in attendance

Peter Kendall	Dick Ahmling
Yvonne Kendall	Cliff Johnson
Juergen Seil	
Greg Pitt	

Project representatives in attendance

Steve Kiddle	Abigroup
Mark Vella	Abigroup
Grant Fletcher	Abigroup
Matt Frodsham	Abigroup
Therese Lilley	Abigroup
Ian Long	RTA
Al McKinnon	RTA
Murray Curtis	ERM

Guests

Nil

Apologies

Noel Cox	CIG
Dick Whibley	RTA

No.	Item	Issues / Actions	Action by
1	Welcome & Introductions	Matt Frodsham – Community Manager Apologies noted. No comments from the previous meeting notes were received.	
2	Actions arising from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whimbrel Drive Slip Merge Lane – a 230m left out slip lane will now be constructed by the completion of the K2B Project. • Visual Fence and Noise Mound at Whimbrel Drive – further details are covered under Item 4 General Discussion. • Damage to pavement at intersection of Whimbrel and Plover – Abigroup reiterated that the pavement would repair the damage attributed to construction vehicles using this intersection. It was noted that Abigroup has already attended to the condition of the pavement on a previous occasion. 	
		<p>Paving</p> <p>Paving Operations from Nerong Bridge extending to the Southern end of the project with sub base concrete are nearing completion, Once complete that paver will then be converted to a base paver and will continue from the Southern end to the Northern extent of the project.</p> <p>A second paver will commence within the next 4 weeks from Nerong Waterholes Bridge North with paving subbase to the Northern extent of the project</p> <p>In addition there will be several small pavers completing shoulder work and intersection widening; this will assist in our completion date October 2009.</p>	

3	Abigroup Project Update	<p>Project Blasting The last blast for the entire project will occur on Tuesday 5th May 2009.</p> <p>Earthworks Northern Earthworks: Currently removing excess material out of cut 22 to assist in preload for Bulahdelah Bypass early works to be completed within the next month. It is expected that earthworks will be completed in the next 8 – 10 weeks</p> <p>Southern Earthworks The majority of works are now complete. The remaining works North and south of Waterholes Gap are expected to be completed in 4 – 6 weeks. Viney Creek Road West intersection works will continue during the months of July following pavement activities in this area. This is expected to be completed by August, it is noted that Viney Creek Road West will have the same pavement as Whimbrel Drive & Myall River Rd In the coming months residents and property owners will be contacted to finalise access / driveways to there properties and notified when works will be carried out.</p> <p>North Bound Rest Area North Bound Rest Area works are progressing well with approx finished date of August.</p>	
		<p>Bridges Houstons Bridge has an approximate finished date of June / July, additional bridges are largely complete. Nerong & Splityard bridge will be completed by the end of May. Jacks creek & Myall 2 arch are expected to be complete by June / July</p> <p>Whimbrel Drive Stage 1 – Elephant Ear is now complete with landscaping to be done in the near future. The completion of the pavement works immediately in front of Nerong are programmed to be the last of the works completed approx Aug - October</p> <p>Section 4 Early Works 4 kms of the early works for Section 4 are progressing well. Material was used from Burdekins Cut to place on the flood plane. Bridging layer is now complete. All remaining construction should be complete by mid June</p>	
3.1	Questions	Nil	

4	General Discussion	<p>Visual Fence The visual fence will start at Whimbrel Drive to the cutting on the Northern side and continue approx 200m, 150 metres past the boundary of National Parks. The visual fence will be 3 metres high with a lock and cap, there has been monetary savings on the visual fence which has assisted with the additional slip merge lane. RTA representatives had a meeting with Mr Peter Kendall & Noel Cox to discuss the visual fence, both Peter & Noel were satisfied with the proposal Between the times of 5.00pm – 6.00pm additional Nerong residence were briefed on the Visual Fence which they departed equally satisfied</p> <p>At House Treatment There will be home addressed in Nerong Village with some minor alterations to be made. This issue is being resolved with the individual home owners.</p> <p>Traffic Switch On the 5th on March the traffic switch took place between Jacks Creek and Grey Gum Gully. The switch went smoothly and the roadworks have performed well since the switch.</p> <p>Easter Traffic Easter traffic remained at a steady flow through the 23km project over the Easter break</p> <p>Thankyou A CIG member expressed his thanks in regards to decreasing the speed limit from 100klm to 80klm.</p>	
		<p>Official Opening Official opening in October 2009 – RTA to confirm details in consultation with the local community.</p>	RTA
5	Next Meeting	<p>Meeting #18 Tuesday TBA 6.00pm – 7.00pm Project Site Office</p>	