

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

NOTES

**Meeting #12
Tuesday 27 May 2008
Project Site Office
Pacific Highway
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

CIG members in attendance

Dick Ahmling	Arthur Vinnicombe
Peter Kendall	John Kurth
Yvonne Kendall	Kelly Kurth
Juergen Seil	Noel Cox

Project representatives in attendance

Steve Kiddle	Abigroup
Matt Frodsham	Abigroup
Cindy Douglas	Abigroup

Dick Whibley	RTA
Al McKinnon	RTA
Ian Long	RTA

Murray Curtis	ERM
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Apologies

Grant Fletcher
Cliff Johnson

No.	Item	Issues / Actions	Action by
1	Welcome & Introductions	<p>Cindy Douglas – Facilitator</p> <p>Welcome to all attendees. The CIG were advised of the resignation of Myer Solomon.</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>No comments from the previous meeting notes were received.</p>	
2	Actions arising from last meeting	<p>3 Abigroup advised a notification for the works at the intersection of Whimbrel Drive has been provided to the residents of Nerong.</p> <p>4.2 Abigroup advised a copy of the minutes from the meeting between Busways and the RTA were forwarded to all CIG member's on the 9 April 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CIG members confirmed they had received a copy of the minutes. <p>4.3 Abigroup advised of the joint decision between Abigroup and the RTA to install a timber fence as a visual barrier on top of the noise mound located along the alignment on the western side of the village of Nerong.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abigroup presented information sheets and photographs of the proposed timber fence to the CIG. The information sheet and photographs will be provided with the notes. 	
3	Abigroup Project update	<p>Abigroup advised the good weather had allowed for progress.</p> <p>Southern Sections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthworks for the Southern area Stage 1 are almost complete with stockpiles ready for Stage 2. • Paving has commenced with approximately 5kms completed to the South bound rest area. • Paving is progressing at approximately 1km per day. <p>Northern Sections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthworks for the Northern area Stage 1 are almost complete. • Approximately 200,000m³ of dirt is stockpiled for Stage 2. • Drainage is now complete. • Top layer of select material to be applied in preparation of paving from Grey Gum Gully to the end of the project. 	

3	Abigroup Project update continued	<p>Whimbrel Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works have been delayed with the weather and are due to commence within the next 3 – 4 weeks. • Works will take approximately 12 weeks to complete. Future works will be completed at a later stage. • Services works are completed ready for earth works. <p>Viney Creek West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cut is now approximately 2.5m lower than the existing Highway. <p>Viney Creek East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paving is due to commence. • Residents have been notified of the temporary closure of the intersection of Viney Creek Road and the Pacific Highway for approximately 4 weeks when base paving is done through this area. • Alternative access via Tea Gardens Road. • VMS to be set up to notify motorists. <p>Saw Cutting Saw cutting is an essential activity to protect the integrity of newly laid pavement and ensure concrete cracking does not occur in unplanned locations.</p> <p>Some saw cutting needs to occur out of normal working hours due to the activity being required from between one hour up to 24 hours after concrete placement. Timing of the work is critical to prevent unplanned cracking whilst ensuring the concrete has sufficient hardness to support a concrete saw.</p> <p>Paving As paving works progress, discussions will be held with residents where alternative access arrangements may be needed whilst paving across the entrance to their properties.</p>	
3.1	Questions	<p>The CIG inquired if paving will be during the evening.</p> <p>Abigroup advised no paving will occur during the evening, however, saw cutting works will occur during the evening with residents affected being notified.</p>	
3.1.1		<p>Abigroup advised the CIG further Saturday works may be required depending on future delays with the weather.</p>	
4	General Discussion		

4.1		<p>A CIG member enquired if dust levels are being monitored in the Curlew Street area, if so what the results show.</p> <p>The CIG member is concerned with the level of dust in their water tank and if tank cleaning will be considered.</p> <p>Abigroup advised as per regulations dust is being monitored at several locations along the alignment. All results indicate levels are below the allowable limits.</p> <p>Abigroup operate several water carts on site to suppress the dust reducing the impact on residents.</p> <p>The EMR advised dust in the air was of a greater concern than dust that may be in water tanks.</p>	
4.2		<p>A CIG member expressed concern at trucks not obeying the 90km and 80km speed limit despite signage and asked if it's possible to reduce the speed limits further and utilise VMS Signage with flashing lights etc.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the Police are maintaining their vigilance along this section of the Pacific Highway.</p> <p>The RTA advised it is currently running a campaign on speeding with information available from the website.</p>	
4.3		<p>A CIG member inquired as to how the works will adjoin the existing bridge at Bulahdelah.</p> <p>The RTA advised these works were outside the scope of this forum however at the conclusion of the meeting the RTA would be available to provide an answer.</p>	
4.4		<p>A CIG member enquired if there has been any progress on the 85% landscaping design for the Nerong intersection.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the landscaping design is now at 100% with no changes required from the 85% design. Copies will be sent out to the CIG members.</p>	
5	Next Meeting	<p>Meeting #13 Tuesday 22 July 2008 6.00pm – 8.00pm Project Site Office</p>	