

COFFS HARBOUR BYPASS (CSSI-7666)
ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE MONTHLY REPORT
October 2021

Reporting Period: 1 to 31 October 2021

This Environmental Representative Monthly Report is prepared in accordance with the Minister's Condition of Approval A25(j) for the Coffs Harbour Bypass (CSSI-7666) and is consistent with the Environmental Representative Protocol (August 2018).

PROJECT SUMMARY: The construction and operation of a new multi lane road from north of Sawtell Road Interchange to Sapphire, and including:

- A new four-lane divided highway with three grade-separated interchanges at Englands Road (southern), Coramba Road (central) and Korora Hill (northern);
- Three tunnels through ridges, at Roberts Hill (approximately 190m long), Shephards Lane (approximately 360m long and Gately Road (approximately 450m long);
- Structures to pass over local roads and creeks, and a bridge over the North Coast Railway;
- Tie-in and modifications to the existing road network, to enable local road connections;
- Pedestrian and cycling facilities, a shared path tying into the existing share path on Solitary Islands Way, and a new pedestrian bridge to replace the existing Luke Bowen footbridge;
- A new Korora Public School bus interchange and a formalised bus stop at Coramba Road; and
- Noise attenuation measures, fauna connectivity structures, and ancillary work.

Works underway:

- Low impact early works (i.e.: non-Construction works) have commenced including:
 - Utility relocations
 - House demolition
 - Environmental and Engineering investigations
- Main Construction Works – RFT

November 2021 Completed Works:

Utility Relocations

- Work on the utility relocations around Coramba Road continued
- Work on the utility relocations around North Boambee Road continued
- Work on the utilities relocation around Stadium Drive will continue



House Demolition

- Demolition of a number of properties on the alignment in Coffs Harbour;
 - 465A Pacific Highway
 - 91 Spagnolos Road
 - 2 Korora School Road
 - 673 Pacific Highway
 - 14A Bruxner Park Road
 - 671 Pacific Highway
 - 689 Pacific Highway

Investigations

- Contamination investigations continuing at various locations along the alignment (MCoA E78)
- Geotech Drilling and Excavations (OOHW)
- Threatened flora genetic analysis

Residential Noise Treatment works

- Commencement of noise treatment works on residential properties.

Aboriginal Heritage

- Archaeological salvage works were completed
- Surface collection of several sites as outlined in the CHAR were completed

December 2021 Upcoming Works:

Utility Relocations

- Work on the utility relocations around Coramba Road will continue
- Work on the utility relocations around North Boambee Road will continue
- Work on the utilities relocation around Stadium Drive will continue
- William Sharp Drive valve installation works
- Work on the utility relocation at the northern end of project at Coachmans Close may commence.

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ER Activity:

Reviews/Approvals/Advice

- CEMP Appendix B5 – Heritage Management Plan (Rev 2): Review
- OOHW Application - Geotechnical Investigations (drilling and excavation): Review
- Monthly AA Report (September): Review

Inspections

- A site inspection of the early works occurred on the 13th October 2021 with TfNSW. An inspection report was prepared and issued to TfNSW for providing to the various contractors. The Inspection report concluded in a green light for the works inspected.

Environmental Group Meetings / Site Meetings

- The Monthly Project Update Meeting was held via video conference on Wednesday 13th October 2021 with DPIE, TfNSW and the ER.
- ER inspections are proposed to continue monthly on the same day as the Monthly Project Update Meeting. The next scheduled Meeting and Inspection is on the 10th November.

Audits

- There were no ER audits held in October.

Stop Work Notices

- There were no Stop Work Notices in October.

Incidents

- There were no incidents in October.



CEMP, CEMPP & Minister's Conditions of Approval

Reports

- MCoA A25(j): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (August 2021) – Prepared, reviewed and sent to DPIE (Post Approvals and Compliance): Submitted to DPIE (Portal): 12th October 2021.

Monitoring

- Groundwater wells are being installed and developed for monitoring
- Air quality monitors and depositional gauges have been installed for baseline monitoring

Community Consultation and Complaints

Collateral

- Coffs Harbour bypass news bulletin format was distributed 31th October. The key story featured shortlisted applicants invited to formally tender and probable new species. Some negative comments were received about how long the project is taking before major construction starts.
- Three Facebook posts on early work progress was distributed during October reaching on average between 45,000 – 50,000 community members per post.
- The Shortlisted Applicants Media Release was distributed on 12th October
- The website was updated to include the Shortlisted Applicants story and the Aboriginal Participation Strategy

Meetings

- The Coffs Harbour Bypass Action Group. CHB Senior Development Manager, Environment Manager and AA met with the Chair and Vice Chair and a third representative of CBAG. The meeting was mostly on the latest noise validation reports. Other issues were minimally discussed to include the road shoulder in the tunnels for cyclists, probable new species and impacts to koala habitats.

Directly Impacted Stakeholders

- A notification about clearing work on Coachmans Close was distributed to approximately 60 households.
- Other notifications were distributed for other early work which had very little stakeholder impacts (2-3).



Community Display Office

- Community Display Office relocated to 54 Moonee Street reopened on the 6th October with new opening hours of Wednesdays from 10am – 4pm. Two people attended inquiring about employment on the CHB.
- 32 emails were received and 15 phone calls

Key Themes

- Generally, feedback has been positive with the majority of inquiries regarding when work will get started, particularly major construction. Other key topics include:
 - Eligibility for At-house noise treatment or when they were receiving AHNT;
 - Project timelines pertaining to major construction;
 - Employment opportunities; and
- Engagement of local businesses

Coming Up

- The next Community Consultant Committee meeting to be held on the 3th November
- November Project Update
- Aboriginal Participation Strategy launch
- Newsletter bulletin

Complaints and Enquiries

- There were two enquiries in October regarding the AHNT agreements.

Project Positives

- None in October.



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Attachment: Site Images – October



Site Images – Early Works: Utility Relocations



Image 1: Stadium Drive Utility Relocations



Image 2: Stadium Drive Utility Relocations



Image 3: North Boambee Road Utility Relocations



Image 4: North Boambee Road Utility Relocations



Image 5: North Boambee Road Utility Relocations



Image 6: North Boambee Road Utility Relocations

