

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

Reporting Period: 1 to 30 November 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 shared 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
 - Property adjustment works
 - Environmental and engineering investigations, including geotechnical activities
 - Residential noise treatments
 - Aboriginal heritage salvage works
- Main construction works are currently in the tendering phase:
 - Request for Tender (RFT) issued to three short-listed tenderers: Acciona Seymour Whyte Joint Venture, CPB Contractors Webuild Joint Venture and Ferrovial Gamuda Joint Venture
 - Target timeframe for award of tender is mid 2022



November 2021 Works Summary:

Utility Relocations

- Work on the utilities relocations around Stadium Drive continued
- Work on the utilities relocations around North Boambee Road continued
- Work on the utilities relocations around Coramba Road continued
- Work on the utilities relocations around William Sharpe Drive continued
- Work on the utilities relocations around the northern tie-in commenced

House Demolition

- Demolition works at a number of properties along the alignment was ongoing:
 - 465A Pacific Highway
 - 673 Pacific Highway
 - 14A Bruxner Park Road
 - 19A Bruxner Park Road
 - 689 Pacific Highway

Investigations

- Contamination investigations continued at various locations along the alignment (MCoA E78)
- Geotechnical investigation drilling and excavations, including out-of-hours work (OOHW)
- New plant species (*Fontainea*, *Pittosporum*) management:
 - Field surveys of areas outside project boundary
 - Propagation trials
 - Translocation planning
 - Genetic analysis
 - Conceptual design of realignment options
 - Workshop / advice session with TfNSW, DPIE (EESG), design consultants, ecological consultants

Residential Property Noise Treatment works

- Property inspections to scope noise treatment works at residential properties continued
- Tender awarded for Package 1 and works commenced

Aboriginal Heritage

- Planning for the cultural salvage at identified sites by Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) (MCoA E27)



December 2021 Upcoming Works:

Utility Relocations

- Work on the utilities relocations around Stadium Drive will continue
- Work on the utilities relocations around North Boambee Road will continue
- Work on the utilities relocations around Coramba Road will continue
- Work on the utilities relocations around the northern tie-in will continue
- Communications - Optus section 2A / Vocus southern section (100 Englands Rd)
- Communications - Optus southern section 2B / 3 (Buchanans Road)

House Demolition

- Demolition of a number of properties along the alignment will continue:
 - 673 Pacific Highway
 - 19A Bruxner Park Road

Investigations

- Contamination investigations will continue at various locations along the alignment (MCoA E78)
- New plant species (Fontainea, Pittosporum) management will continue
- Geotechnical investigation works will continue, including the remaining boreholes and test pits in the remobilisation scope (10 boreholes and 3 test pits). It will also include ongoing laboratory testing and reporting.

Residential Property Noise Treatment works

- Property inspections to scope noise treatment works at residential properties will continue
- Noise treatment works (Package 1) will continue

ER Activity:

Reviews/Approvals/Advice

- Early Works (low impact work) CEMP (Rev 5): Review
- Biomass Solutions Fire System Upgrade – Environmental File Note: Review and approval
- OOHW Application (low risk) – Geotechnical Investigations (Phase 2) at northern tie-in (drilling and excavation): Review and approval
- Monthly AA Report (October): Review



Inspections

- A site inspection of the low impact early works occurred on the 10th November 2021 with TfNSW. An Environmental Inspection Report was prepared and issued to TfNSW. The inspection report concluded in a green light status for the works inspected.

Environmental Group Meetings / Site Inspections

- The Monthly Project Update Meeting was held via video conference on Wednesday 10th November 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 8th December.
- The ER attended a workshop / advice session on the 17th November for the new plant species (Fontainea, Pittosporum) with TfNSW, DPIE (EESG), design consultants and ecological consultants
- Weekly meetings with the TfNSW environment team and the AA are ongoing

Audits

- There were no ER audits held in November.

Stop Work Notices

- There were no Stop Work Notices in November.

Incidents

- There were no incidents in November.

CEMP, CEMPP & Minister's Conditions of Approval

Reports

- MCoA A25(j): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (October 2021) – Prepared, reviewed and sent to DPIE (Post Approvals and Compliance); Submitted to DPIE (Portal): 8th November 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 2 November. Key story featured probable new species and water main relocations.
- There were four facebook posts to include a video on the probable new species, Bray Street and Mackay Road tunnel service options survey, archaeological salvaging completed and geotechnical investigations on the Pacific Highway between Korora and Sapphire Beach. Each post reached on average between 48,000 – 52,000 community members per post.
- The website was updated to include the Probable New Species story, frequently asked questions and a new species factsheet.
- The December Project Update is currently in approvals with distribution planned mid- December.

Meetings

- The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting was held. TfNSW presented the CCC with a project update. Key issues raised and discussed by the Committee included:
 - Design and construct contract does not mean no tunnels
 - Provision for cyclists in tunnels
 - Noise impacts on residents currently located on the existing highway for the next 4-5 years
 - Lack of accommodation available for future project workers
 - What's happening with Dangerous Goods policy

Directly Impacted Stakeholders

- Korora Utility Relocations distributed 15 November to over 200 residents
- OOHW Geotechnical Investigations Work distributed 15 November to over 200 residents
- OOHW Geotechnical Investigations Traffic Alert distributed 17 November to wider community and Live Traffic for Pacific Highway commuters
- Buchanans Road Utility Relocations distributed 26 November to about 10 residents
- Coachmans Close Potholing 26 November to about 30 residents
- Coachmans Close Resident's Update to include impacts, design, noise walls and vegetation clearing reviewed and updated for distribution to new residential inquiries

Community Display Office

- The Community Display Office remained closed during November due to COVID and approval from the HR Deputy Secretary. Display Office will reopen after the Christmas/ New Year Holiday shut down, planned for mid-January.
- 18 emails were received and 8 phone calls



Key Themes

- Key topics include:
 - Protected species, new species, biodiversity offsets and environmental protection of threatened flora
 - At house noise treatment eligibility and scoping timelines
 - Employment opportunities

Coming Up

- CBAG meeting to discuss provision for cyclists in tunnels
- Distribution of December Project Update
- December News bulletin
- Cultural Salvaging Media Release

Complaints and Enquiries

- There was one enquiry regarding the scope of at house noise treatment (AHNT). Discussions with this resident are ongoing.
- There was one enquiry regarding the clearing of flora associated with the project and relevant information was provided.
- There were two complaints / enquiries about works being undertaken in close proximity to residential properties, potential impacts on those properties and inadequate consultation. Information was provided to each resident, including copies of material provided as part of previous consultation.

Project Positives

- A positive observation was noted in the 10th November Environmental Inspection Report regarding the extensive use of clean rock to provide a stabilised access to the dewatering area opposite the entrance to the Coffs Coast Resource Recovery Park and reduce the risk of mud tracking onto Englands Rd.



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Attachment: Site Images – November 2021



Site Images – Low Impact Early Works



Image 1: Stadium Drive Utility Relocations



Image 2: Stadium Drive Utility Relocations



Image 3: Stadium Dr Utility Relocations – preparation for rain



Image 4: Englands Rd Dewatering Area





Image 5: Englands Rd Dewatering Area – site access and flagged off aboriginal heritage salvage area on right



Image 6: Example house demolition site

