

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

Reporting Period: 1 to 31 December 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



December 2021 Works Summary:

The project's Christmas / New Year shutdown period was from 25th December to 9th January. No works were scheduled or undertaken during this period. A team of personnel were on-call throughout the shutdown period to undertake surveillance and emergency maintenance as required.

Utility Relocations

- Work on the utilities relocations continued in the following locations:
 - Stadium Drive
 - Englands Road
 - North Boambee Road
 - Coramba Road
 - William Sharpe Drive
 - Coachmans Close (northern tie-in)

House Demolition

- Demolition works were ongoing at the following properties along the alignment:
 - 673 Pacific Highway
 - 19A Bruxner Park Road

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

Residential Property Noise Treatment works

- Property inspections to scope noise treatment works at residential properties continued
- Implementation of the Package 1 noise treatment works was ongoing

Aboriginal Heritage

- Cultural salvage commenced at sites identified by Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) (MCoA E27)



January 2022 Upcoming Works:

Utility Relocations

- Work on the utilities relocations will continue in the following locations:
 - Stadium Drive
 - Englands Road
 - North Boambee Road
 - Coramba Road
 - Buchanans Road
 - Coachmans Close (northern tie-in)

House Demolition

- Demolition of a number of properties along the alignment will continue:
 - 673 Pacific Highway
 - 19A Bruxner Park Road
 - 149 West Korora Road
 - 28 Bruxner Park Road
 - 14 Bruxner Park Road
 - 8 Old Coast Road
 - 9 and 11 Seaview Close
 - RFS Station, Old Coast Road
 - 599 Pacific Highway
 - 675 Pacific Highway

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- New plant species (Fontainea, Pittosporum) management will continue
- Geotechnical investigation works will continue, including ongoing laboratory testing and reporting.

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



ER Activity:

Reviews/Approvals/Advice

- Property Demolition Phase 6 – Environmental File Note: Review and approve as low impact work
- Korora Utilities Relocation Ancillary Facility – Minor Ancillary Facility Checklist: Review and approve
- Utility Relocation and Geotechnical Activities – Low Impact Work Submission – Addendum 1, Additional Clearing at Buchanans Road: Review and approve
- Microbat Management Plan (v4) and Nest Box Management Plan (v3): Review
- Groundwater Monitoring Program (final, 30 September 2021): Review
- Monthly Acoustic Advisor (AA) Report (November): Review

Inspections

- A site inspection of the low impact early works occurred on the 8th December 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 8th December 2021 with DPIE, TfNSW and the ER.
- ER inspections are proposed to continue monthly, typically on the same day as the Monthly Project Update Meeting.
- Weekly meetings with the TfNSW environment team and the Acoustic Advisor (AA) are ongoing

Audits

- There were no ER audits held in December.

Stop Work Notices

- There were no Stop Work Notices in December.

Incidents

- There were no incidents in December.

CEMP, CEMPP & Minister's Conditions of Approval

Reports

- MCoA A25(j): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (November 2021) – Prepared, reviewed and sent to DPIE (Post Approvals and Compliance); Submitted to DPIE (Portal): 7th December 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 was distributed 7 December. Key stories included the finalisation of the Aboriginal Participation Strategy, provision for cyclists in the tunnels and the reopening of the display office 19 January. The project contact details including the project email address and phone number were provided to give the community alternative access to the project team.
- There were five Facebook posts to include content on the cultural salvage program, probable new species, effective propagation of new species, update on water main relocations on Stadium Drive and subscribing to the news bulletin. Again, reach was between 45000 – 50000 targeting the Coffs Harbour community only.

Meetings

- No meetings were held during this reporting period.

Directly Impacted Stakeholders

- Doorknock to six residents within close proximity to the Backup Control Centre Facility of the Tunnels was conducted. No issues were raised by any of the residents.

Community Display Office

- The Community Display Office remained closed during December 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.
- 16 emails were received and 7 phone calls.

Key Themes

- Key topics include:
 - At house noise treatment eligibility and scoping timelines
 - Employment opportunities

Coming Up

- CBAG meeting to discuss provision for cyclists in tunnels
- Distribution of January / February Project Update



- January News bulletin

Complaints and Enquiries

- There was one enquiry from a resident regarding eligibility for at house noise treatment (AHNT). The Acoustic Advisor had a phone conversation with the resident and explained the process of operational noise modelling and determining whether a specific property is eligible for AHNT.
- A resident raised concerns about the potential for spray drift contaminating a blueberry crop. The potential source of the spray drift was spraying associated with the implementation of Panama Disease management protocols as part of geotechnical investigations taking place near the property. The TfNSW project team met with the resident on site to discuss and attempt to resolve the concerns.



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Attachment: Site Images – December 2021



Site Images – Low Impact Early Works



Image 1: Stadium Dr Utility Relocations (access track parallel to existing highway)



Image 2: Stadium Dr Utility Relocations (recently demobilised area)



Image 3: Stadium Dr Utility Relocations (recent underbore launch site)



Image 4: Englands Rd Dewatering Area (dewatering bays formed using mulch bunds)



Image 5: Englands Rd Utility Relocations – site of recently completed vegetation clearing



Image 6: Coachmans Close Utility Relocations – site of recently completed vegetation clearing