

COFFS HARBOUR BYPASS (CSSI-7666)  
ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE MONTHLY REPORT  
February 2022

*Reporting Period:* 1 to 28 February 2022

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



**February 2022 Works Summary:**

There was substantial rainfall (>500 mm) during February, so most project works were hampered by wet weather.

***Utility Relocations***

- Work on the utilities relocations continued in the following locations:
  - Stadium Drive
  - Lindsay Transport, 542 Pacific Highway
  - North Boambee Road
  - Englands Road
  - Coramba Road
  - Buchanans Road
  - Old Coast Road
  - Coachmans Close / Opal Boulevard (northern tie-in)

***House Demolition***

- Demolition works were ongoing at the following properties along the alignment:
  - 149 West Korora Road
  - 28 Bruxner Park Road
  - 14 Bruxner Park Road
  - 8 Old Coast Road
  - 9 and 11 Seaview Close
  - 599 Pacific Highway
  - 675 Pacific Highway

***Investigations***

- Contamination investigations continued at various locations along the alignment (MCoA E78)
- Geotechnical investigation drilling and excavations
- 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 Package 1 and 2 noise treatment works was ongoing.

***Aboriginal Heritage***

- Cultural salvage is being undertaken at sites identified by Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) (MCoA E27).
- 12 days of cultural salvage were completed in December 2021.
- No aboriginal heritage works were undertaken in January 2022.
- Cultural salvage is ongoing. Works have been heavily impacted in February by rain and Sorry Business. Works will continue into March & possibly early April as a result of likely further rain impacts.

**March 2022 Upcoming Works:**

***Utility Relocations***

- Work on the utilities relocations will continue in the following locations:
  - Stadium Drive
  - Lindsay Transport, 542 Pacific Highway
  - United Pacific area
  - North Boambee Road
  - Englands Road
  - Coramba Road
  - Buchanans Road
  - Old Coast Road
  - Coachmans Close / Opal Boulevard (northern tie-in)

***House Demolition***

- Demolition of a number of properties along the alignment will continue:
  - 28 Bruxner Park Road
  - 14 Bruxner Park Road
  - 11 Seaview Close
  - 599 Pacific Highway
  - 675 Pacific Highway

***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 ongoing laboratory testing and reporting.

#### ***Residential Property Noise Treatment works***

- Property inspections to scope noise treatment works at residential properties will continue
- Package 1 and 2 noise treatment works will continue
- Package 3 noise treatment works will commence
- Package 4 noise treatment works will be issued for tender

#### **ER Activity:**

##### ***Reviews/Approvals/Advice***

- Working on Banana Plantations: Panama Disease Procedure (Rev 9, 31 January 2022): Review and endorse
- Monthly Acoustic Advisor (AA) Report (January): Review

##### ***Inspections***

- A site inspection of the low impact early works occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 with TfNSW and the Acoustic Advisor. An Environmental Inspection Report was prepared and issued to TfNSW. The inspection report concluded in an amber light status for the works inspected.

##### ***Environmental Group Meetings / Site Inspections***

- A Monthly Project Update Meeting was held via video conference on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022, with DPIE, TfNSW, the AA 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 February.

##### ***Stop Work Notices***

- There were no Stop Work Notices in February.

##### ***Incidents (as per MCoA definition)***

- There were no incidents in February.



### ***Non-compliances***

- There were no non-compliances in February.

### ***Environmental Events (i.e. not classified as Incidents)***

- There were no environmental events in February.

### **CEMP, CEMPP & Minister's Conditions of Approval**

#### ***Reports***

- MCoA A25(j): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (January 2022) – Prepared, reviewed and sent to DPIE (Post Approvals and Compliance); Submitted to DPIE (Portal): 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

#### ***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***

- The February Project Update was distributed by Australia Post to over 22000 residents. Additional hardcopies are available at the display centre and Coffs Harbour City Council chambers and library. An electronic version is available on the website.
- There were five social media posts during this period including the project's first Instagram post and LinkedIn post, both featuring the upcoming installation of nest boxes. Overall for this period 57,855 people were reached only targeting the Coffs Coast region. 754 viewers clicked through to the website.

#### ***Meetings***

- Coffs Harbour Bypass Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting was held on the 9 February. Impacts of noise, D&C contract and the tender process were key issues raised by the CCC members.
- CHB update presentation to the newly elected Coffs Harbour City Councillors. Key issues raised included provision for cyclists in tunnels, timings and environmental mitigation.

### ***Directly Impacted Stakeholders***

- 230 notifications were distributed



### *Community Display Office*

- The Community Display Office was opened on the 3 and 17 February but closed on the 9 and 23 February due to Covid and the North Coast floods. In total 11 people attended the display office for the month of February. Most inquiries concerned noise impacts, job availability and visual impacts of the bypass.
- 24 emails were received and 19 phone calls.

### *Key Themes*

- Key topics include:
  - At house noise treatment eligibility and scoping timelines
  - Employment opportunities
  - Environmental impacts particularly around flora
  - Project timelines

### *Coming Up*

- March News bulletin distribution planned 14 March
- CBAG meeting 16 March
- All Project Early Work Notification for 2022 to be letterbox dropped to all residents and businesses within 500 metres of alignment

### *Complaints and Enquiries*

- A resident of Coachmans Close raised concerns about the difficulty of accessing their property in the vicinity of the utility relocation works. This was rectified to the satisfaction of the resident.
- A resident at Shearwater Place, Korora raised concerns about vegetation clearing adjacent to the existing Pacific Highway in preparation for utility relocation works. The resident complained that the removal of the vegetation has increased traffic noise at the property and also resulted in vehicle headlights impacting the property. Project team representatives and the AA communicated with the resident and explained that the vegetation removal is part of the approved works. They also explained that there are no feasible or reasonable means to mitigate impacts from existing traffic, but that the team will implement measures to mitigate construction noise impacts.
- There were enquiries covering the topics of cycle lane design, compensation for decreased property valuation and Covid safety. These enquiries are being addressed by the project team.



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Attachment: Site Images – February 2022





Site Images – Low Impact Early Works



Image 1: Location of water main rupture environmental event 31/01/22 (Buchanans Rd)



Image 2: Englands Rd Dewatering Area (mulch bund dewatering bays)



Image 3: Coachmans Close water main relocation (open trench excavation)



Image 4: Coachmans Close water main relocation (open trench excavation)





Image 5: Opal Blvd utility relocations (general view of minor ancillary facility)



Image 6: Opal Blvd utility relocations (looking south to James Small Dr)

