

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

Reporting Period: 1 to 30 April 2022

This Environmental Representative Monthly Report is prepared in accordance with the Minister's Condition of Approval (MCoA) 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
 - Threatened species translocation
- 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



April 2022 Works Summary:

Utility Relocations

- Work on the utilities relocations continued 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 works were ongoing at the following properties along the alignment:
 - 28 Bruxner Park Road
 - 14 Bruxner Park Road
 - 11 Seaview Close
 - 353D Coramba Road

Investigations

- Contamination investigations continued at various locations along the alignment (MCoA E78)
- New plant species (Fontainea, Pittosporum) management:
 - Propagation trials
 - Translocation planning

Residential Property Noise Treatment works

- Property inspections to scope noise treatment works at residential properties continued.
- Implementation of noise treatment works for tender packages 2 and 3 was ongoing (48 properties in total). Tender package 4 was awarded in early April (29 properties). Tender package 1 noise treatment works are complete (20 properties).

Aboriginal Heritage

- Aboriginal cultural salvage was undertaken at cultural areas (sites) identified by Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) (MCoA E27).
- Aboriginal cultural salvage works were heavily impacted during February and March by rain and Sorry Business. However, works continued throughout early 2022 and the program was completed on 27 April 2022.



Threatened Species Translocation

- Construction of vehicle access track to threatened species translocation site.
- Translocation works for Slender Marsdenia commenced.

May 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
 - 353D Coramba Road
 - 260 Shephards Lane

Investigations

- Contamination investigations were completed in late April, with reporting to follow
- New plant species (Fontainea, Pittosporum) management will continue

Residential Property Noise Treatment works

- Property inspections to scope noise treatment works at residential properties will continue
- Implementation of noise treatment works for tender packages 2 to 4 will continue (77 properties in total)



Threatened Species Translocation

- Planning for threatened flora species translocation works will continue.
- Translocation works for Slender Marsdenia will continue and translocation works for Rusty Plum are expected to commence.

ER Activity:

Reviews / Approvals / Advice

- Demolition of Intensive Agricultural Infrastructure at Acquired Properties – Environmental File Note: Review and approve as low impact work
- Monthly Acoustic Advisor (AA) Report (March): Review

Inspections

- A site inspection of the low impact early works occurred on the 13th April 2022 with TfNSW and representatives from DPE (Compliance). 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

- A Monthly Project Update Meeting was held on the 13th April 2022, with DPE, TfNSW and the ER. Some participants attended the meeting in person at the MacKays Rd site office, while others connected via video call.
- 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 April.

Stop Work Notices

- There were no Stop Work Notices in April.

Incidents (as per MCoA definition)

- There were no incidents in April.

Non-compliances

- There were no non-compliances in April.

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

- There were no environmental events in April.



CEMP & Minister's Conditions of Approval

Reports

- MCoA A25(j): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (March 2022) – Prepared, reviewed and submitted to DPE (Post Approvals and Compliance) via Major Projects Portal on 6th April 2022.

Monitoring

- Groundwater wells are being installed and monitored
- Air quality monitors and dust depositional gauges have been installed, with baseline monitoring continuing

Community Consultation and Complaints

Collateral

- The April Early Work Community Update/Notification was distributed by Australia Post to over 22,000 residents. Additional hard copies are available at the Display Office. An electronic version is available on the website.
- There were three Social Media posts during this period to include an update on the new species, a subscription drive post and a post directing the community to the Early Work notification available on the website. 87 more subscribers signed up to the news bulletin distribution list via the subscription drive post.

Meetings

- No stakeholder meetings were held during this month.

Directly Impacted Stakeholders

- 4 notifications regarding demolition work at West Korora Road
- 9 notifications regarding demolition work at Coramba Road
- 4 notifications regarding demolition work at Mackay Road

Community Display Office

- The Community Display Office was opened on the 6, 13, 20 and 27 April. In total there were 28 inquiries relating to at house noise treatment (AHNT) eligibility, job availability and general interest in the project ie maps, the route, early work updates.
- 2 Ministerials
- 19 phone calls to the dedicated project telephone number
- 18 emails inquiries to the dedicated project email address.

Key Themes

- Key topics include:
 - At house noise treatment eligibility and scoping timelines
 - Employment opportunities
 - General interest in route alignment and early work



Coming Up

- April/ May News bulletin distribution planned 5 May
- CCC Meeting 19 May

Complaints and Enquiries

- A resident in the vicinity of Coramba Rd / Spagnolos Rd raised concerns about the generation of dust and noise associated with the project works. The matter was investigated and it was determined that the levels of dust and noise were reasonable and localised.
- A resident of Old Coast Rd complained about the management of weeds on a property that has been acquired by TfNSW as part of the project. The project team confirmed that no noxious weeds are present at the property and advised the resident that the weeds will be monitored and managed (if warranted).
- There was an enquiry regarding the scope of, and conditions associated with, at house noise treatment works.



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Attachment: Site Images – April 2022



Site Images – Low Impact Early Works



Image 1: Coachmans Close water main relocation (sth side of hill stabilised with gravel material and mulch bunds)



Image 2: Coachmans Close water main relocation (nth side of hill; open trench excavation and installation)



Image 3: Opal Blvd utility relocations (general view of minor ancillary facility looking nth to sth along access track)



Image 4: Coramba Rd threatened species translocation area (access track to translocation area)



Image 5: Coramba Rd threatened species translocation area
(access track waterway crossing)



Image 6: Coramba Rd threatened species translocation area
(flagged route for upcoming access track install)