

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

Reporting Period: 1 to 31 May 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 Gatelys 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) are underway including:
 - Utility relocations
 - House demolition
 - Property adjustment works
 - Environmental and engineering investigations
 - Residential noise treatments
 - 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



May 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
 - Bennetts Road
 - Shephards Lane
 - 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
 - 675 Pacific Highway
 - 353D Coramba Road

Investigations

- 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. Initial scoping assessments have been completed at 241 properties, out of a total of 619 properties that have been identified as being eligible for noise treatment works.
- Implementation of noise treatment works for tender packages 2, 3 and 4 was ongoing. Works have been completed at 51 of the 77 properties in these tender packages. Tender package 1 noise treatment works are complete (20 properties).

Aboriginal Heritage

- No activities were undertaken in May.



Threatened Species Translocation

- Translocation works for Slender Marsdenia and Rusty Plum were completed in May.
- Translocation works for Pittosporum commenced in late May.

June 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
 - Bennetts Road
 - Shephards Lane
 - 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
 - 599 Pacific Highway
 - 675 Pacific Highway
 - 353D Coramba Road
 - 260 Shephards Lane

Investigations

- New plant species (Fontainea, Pittosporum) management will continue:
 - Propagation trials
 - Translocation planning for Fontainea

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)



- Tender package 5 (approx. 30 properties) is planned to be tendered in mid June

Threatened Species Translocation

- Translocation works for Pittosporum will continue.

ER Activity:

Reviews / Approvals / Advice

- Input and advice regarding the process, timing and appropriate scope for the updated Low Impact Work submission for ongoing and future utility relocation works
- Monthly Acoustic Advisor (AA) Report (April): Review
- Weekly community complaints register: Review

Inspections

- A site inspection of the low impact early works occurred on the 11th May 2022 with TfNSW and representatives from DPE (Compliance & Post-Approvals). 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 11th May 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 TfNSW environment and community personnel, DPE and the Acoustic Advisor (AA) are ongoing
- During May, there were additional meetings with TfNSW and DPE to discuss the process, timing and appropriate scope for the updated Low Impact Work submission for ongoing and future utility relocation works

Audits

- There were no ER audits held in May.

Stop Work Notices

- There were no Stop Work Notices in May.

Incidents (as per MCoA definition)

- There were no incidents in May.



Non-compliances

- There were no non-compliances in May.

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

- An environmental event occurred on 10th May 2022 during underground horizontal direction drilling (aka under-boring) to install telecommunications infrastructure at the southern end of the project. The location is on the northern side of Stadium Dr adjacent to the driveway entrance to the commercial centre located next to the Pacific Highway / Stadium Dr roundabout (Chainages 10600-10700). A frac-out occurred during the drilling, which resulted in material coming to the surface within a stormwater drainage channel. This caused turbid water within the stormwater channel. Sediment fences and sand bags were implemented in an attempt to limit the downstream migration of turbid water. Vacuum trucks were used to pump out the turbid water. The drilling works continued with increased surveillance and vacuum trucks on stand-by and there were no further frac-outs.

CEMP & Minister's Conditions of Approval

Reports

- MCoA A25(j): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (April 2022) – Prepared, reviewed and submitted to DPE (Post Approvals and Compliance) via Major Projects Portal on 5th May 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

- 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. Another 87 subscribers signed up to the news bulletin distribution list via the subscription drive post.
- A News bulletin was distributed on 21 May updating the subscribers about Aboriginal cultural salvage work completion and telecommunication cable utility relocation work. This edition also promoted the Display Office opening details.

Meetings

- A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting was held on 2 June. TfNSW gave an update on the early work, environmental commitments including biodiversity offsets strategy, translocation of threatened species and new species, Aboriginal stakeholders and flood mitigation.

Directly Impacted Stakeholders

- Paradise Palms Resort for upcoming demolition works
- Nautilus Spa and Villas request for property access to conduct ongoing monthly water sampling



Community Display Office

- The Community Display Office was opened on the 4, 11, 18, 25 May and 1 June. In total there were 32 enquiries relating to AHNT eligibility, job availability and general interest in the project ie maps, the route, early work updates.
- 1 Ministerial
- 19 phone calls to the dedicated project telephone number
- 9 email enquiries 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

- June / July project update

Complaints and Enquiries

- A resident in the vicinity of the Opal Blvd works area advised that people, including children, regularly walk past the Opal Blvd minor ancillary facility. Due to the recent rain, the grassed area between the ancillary facility temporary fencing and the road is too wet and boggy, so people are walking along the road edge. The project team has responded by installing a new gravel pathway adjacent to the temporary fencing.
- There were several enquiries regarding the scope and implementation process for at house noise treatment works.



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Attachment: Site Images – May 2022



Site Images – Low Impact Early Works



Image 1: Isles Dr – location of recently completed telecommunications relocation works



Image 2: North Boambee Rd – general view of access tracks that have been used for utility relocation works



Image 3: Stadium Dr environmental event (frac out). Vacuum truck being used to pump out turbid water



Image 4: Stadium Dr environmental event (frac out). Controls implemented downstream



Image 5: Coachmans Close water main relocation (nth side of hill stabilised with gravel material and mulch bunds)



Image 6: Coachmans Close water main relocation (nth side of hill; open trench excavation and installation)