

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

Reporting Period: 1 to 31 July 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 (October 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
 - Geotechnical investigations
 - House demolition
 - Property adjustment works
 - Environmental and engineering investigations
 - Residential noise treatments
 - Threatened species management, including translocation
- Main construction works:
 - Contract for the main construction works has been awarded to the Ferrovial Gamuda Joint Venture
 - The Ferrovial Gamuda Joint Venture team is in the early phase of commencing the project



July 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
 - MacKays Road
 - Coramba Road
 - Buchanans Road
 - Old Coast Road
 - Bennetts Road
 - Shephards Lane
 - Coachmans Close / Opal Boulevard (northern tie-in)
 - West Korora Road

Geotechnical Investigations

- Geotechnical investigations were undertaken at several locations along MacKays Rd and also at Norman Hill Drive to inform upcoming utility relocation works.

House Demolition

- Demolition works were ongoing at the following properties along the alignment:
 - 28 Bruxner Park Road
 - 14 Bruxner Park Road
 - 675 Pacific Highway
 - 353C Coramba Road
 - 260 Shephards Lane

Residential Property Noise Treatment works

- Property inspections to scope noise treatment works at residential properties continued. Initial scoping assessments have been completed at 275 properties, out of a total of 619 properties that have been identified as being eligible for noise treatment works.
- Ground truthing has found that of the 619 receivers identified in the EIS Amendment Report, 14 are located in an ineligible subdivision, resulting in 605 receivers eligible for treatment. This comprises 440 residential receivers, 11 non-residential receivers and 154 unbuilt residential properties (located in an eligible subdivision).
- Implementation of noise treatment works for tender packages 2, 3 and 4 was ongoing. Works have been completed at 65 of the 77 properties in these tender packages. Tender package 1 noise treatment works are complete (20 properties). Therefore, the total number of properties treated to date is 85.



- Tender package 5 (26 properties) was awarded in July, with works planned to commence in August.

Threatened Species Management

- New plant species (Fontainea, Pittosporum) management was ongoing including:
 - Propagation trials
 - Translocation planning and scoping for Fontainea
- Translocation works for Pittosporum were ongoing.

August 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)
 - West Korora Road

House Demolition

- Demolition of a number of properties along the alignment will continue:
 - 599 Pacific Highway
 - 675 Pacific Highway
 - 28 Englands Road

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 5 will continue (103 properties in total).



Threatened Species Management

- New plant species (Fontainea, Pittosporum) management will continue including:
 - Propagation trials
 - Translocation planning and scoping for Fontainea
- Translocation works for Pittosporum are expected to be completed in August.

ER Activity:

Reviews / Approvals / Advice

- Property Demolition (APO 29 & APO 50) – Environmental File Note: Review and approve as low impact work
- Gatelys Rd & Shephards Ln Tunnels Electrical Feed Installation Works – Environmental File Note (update to include geotechnical investigations): Review and approve as low impact work
- Minor Ancillary Facility Checklists: Review and approve in accordance with MCoA A17:
 - 12 Russ Hammond Close
 - Bruxner Park Road
 - 52 Englands Road
- Utilities Relocation – Low Impact Works Consistency Review: Review and provide comments
- OOHW Application – Pacific Highway / James Small Dr Vegetation Clearing: Review and approve as low risk
- OOHW Application – Pacific Highway (Bananacoast Caravan Park) Vegetation Clearing: Review and approve as low risk
- OOHW Application – Pacific Highway (Cunninghams Bananas & BP service centre) Utility Relocations: Review and discuss
- Monthly Acoustic Advisor (AA) Report (June): Review
- Weekly community complaints register: Review

Site Inspections

- A site inspection of the low impact early works occurred on the 13th July 2022 with TfNSW representatives. An Environmental Inspection Report was prepared and issued to TfNSW. The inspection report concluded in a green light status for the works inspected.
- ER inspections are proposed to continue monthly, typically on the same day as the Monthly Project Update Meeting.

Meetings

- A Monthly Project Update Meeting was held on the 13th July 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.
- Weekly meetings with TfNSW environment and community personnel, DPE and the Acoustic Advisor (AA) are ongoing.



Audits

- There were no ER audits undertaken in July.

Stop Work Notices

- There were no Stop Work Notices in July.

Incidents (as per MCoA definition)

- There were no incidents in July.

Non-compliances

- There were no non-compliances in July.

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

- An environmental event occurred on 13th July 2022 during underground horizontal direction drilling (aka under-boring) to install telecommunications infrastructure at the Coramba Road crossing of Coffs Creek (near intersection with Nelson St), near Chainage 14100. A minor frac-out occurred during the drilling, which resulted in a small quantity of drilling material (<3L) coming to the surface in a shallow section of the waterway. Downstream controls installed prior to the works included two geofabric filter dams and a sandbag check dam. A 44-gallon drum with the bottom removed was placed over the frac-out to contain and a vacuum truck was used to remove the drilling material. The drilling works continued with ongoing surveillance and there were no further frac-outs.

CEMP & Minister's Conditions of Approval

Reports

- MCoA A25(j): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (June 2022) – Prepared, reviewed and submitted to DPE (Infrastructure Management and Compliance) via Major Projects Portal on 6th July 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 the koala habitat restoration, an update on the translocation of the new species and water main relocation progress.

Meetings

- Met with Korora Public School and Bishop Druitt College regarding construction noise.
- Met with the Coffs Harbour Chamber of Commerce and CEX International Stadium Manager to introduce the new Ferrovial Gamuda Joint Venture Communications and Stakeholder Manager.
- Minister Faraway met with the Quickway Team at Korora

Directly Impacted Stakeholders

- Met with Lee Budd at Seaview Close regarding noise. The AA was present with the project team.
- David Bourke and Jeff and Shallon Staines regarding upcoming early work clearing.

Community Display Office

- The Community Display Office was opened on the 6, 13, 20 and 27 July.
- 3 Ministerials
- 32 phone calls to the dedicated project telephone number mostly about job opportunities and sub-contractor opportunities
- 38 emails enquiries to the dedicated project email address

Key Themes

- Key topics include:
 - Employment and sub-contractor opportunities
 - At house noise treatment eligibility and scoping timelines
 - Accommodation / rental properties available for the major contractor
 - Construction start dates

Coming Up

- August project update



Complaints and Enquiries

- A resident in the vicinity of Shephards Ln complained about poor quality workmanship associated with the installation of noise treatment works at their property. The project team met with the resident and there appeared to be a miscommunication because the noise treatment works were still in the process of being completed. The project team will ensure that the works are completed to a satisfactory standard, and that any defects are rectified.
- A resident in the vicinity of Shephards Ln complained that a contractor had entered his property without prior notification and had created some minor damage to a gravel track by not utilising four-wheel drive mode on their vehicle. The project team apologised for the lack of notification, confirmed access arrangements for the property and reiterated with the relevant contractor.



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Attachment: Site Images – July 2022



Site Images – Low Impact Early Works



Image 1: Coramba Rd crossing of Coffs Ck – Under-bore installation of communication conduits



Image 2: Coramba Rd crossing of Coffs Ck – location of frac-out during under-bore installation of communications



Image 3: Equestrian centre, south end of project (west side of Pac Hwy) – Site stabilisation following communications install



Image 4: Equestrian centre, south end of project (west side of Pac Hwy) – Installation of communication pits



Image 5: Bruxner Park Rd – utility relocations corridor that has been cleared and seeded, awaiting installation works



Image 6: Bruxner Park Rd – final stages of property demolition at site of future minor ancillary facility



Image 7: Coachmans Close water main relocation - nth end of works area following turf laying



Image 8: Opal Blvd utility relocations – site of recent water main installation following backfilling