

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

Reporting Period: 1 to 31 August 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 (FGJV)
  - The FGJV team is in the early phase of commencing the project, including preparation of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and design refinement

**August 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
  - Bruxner Park Road

**Geotechnical Investigations**

- There were no geotechnical investigations during August.

**House Demolition**

- Demolition works were ongoing at the following properties along the alignment:
  - 28 Bruxner Park Road
  - 675 Pacific Highway

**Residential Property Noise Treatment Works**

- Property inspections to scope noise treatment works at residential properties continued. Initial scoping assessments have been completed at 282 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 3, 4 and 5 was ongoing. Works have been completed at 45 of the 88 properties in these tender packages. Tender packages 1 and 2 noise treatment works are complete (44 properties). Therefore, the total number of properties treated to date is 89.

### ***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 completed in August.

### **September 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
  - Bruxner Park Road
  - James Small Drive

#### ***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 3 to 5 will continue (88 properties in total).
- Works package 6 will be issued for tender.

### ***Threatened Species Management***

- New plant species (Fontainea, Pittosporum) management will continue including:
  - Off-site propagation
  - Planning and scoping for translocation of single in-situ adult Fontainea
  - Planning and scoping for translocation of propagated plants
  - Updates to management plans

### ***ER Activity:***

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

- Property Demolition (APO 92) – Environmental File Note Addendum: Review and approve as low impact work
- Minor Ancillary Facility Checklist – 28 Isles Drive: Review and approve in accordance with MCoA A17
- OOHW Application – Pacific Highway (Cunningham's Bananas & BP service centre) Utility Relocations: Review and approve as low risk
- OOHW Application – Optus cable pull in southern area: Review (predicted noise levels below NML)
- Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program (Revision 6, 24 August 2022): Review and endorse
- Utilities Relocation – Under bore depth query from Essential Energy: Interpret and provide advice
- Monthly Acoustic Advisor (AA) Report (July): Review
- Weekly community complaints register: Review

#### ***Site Inspections***

- A site inspection of the low impact early works occurred on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 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 10<sup>th</sup> August 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.
- Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August with TfNSW and DPE Infrastructure Management to discuss DPE comments on Utilities Relocation – Low Impact Works Consistency Review document

#### ***Audits***

- There were no environmental audits undertaken in August.

### **Stop Work Notices**

- There were no Stop Work Notices in August.

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

- There were no incidents in August.

### **Non-compliances**

- There were no non-compliances in August.

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

- There were no environmental events in August.

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

#### **Reports**

- MCoA A25(j): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (July 2022) – Prepared, reviewed and submitted to DPE (Infrastructure Management and Compliance) via email on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022, due to the Major Projects Portal being inaccessible. The report was subsequently uploaded to the Major Projects Portal on 18<sup>th</sup> August 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 to include a subscription drive to increase newsletter subscribers, introducing Quickway and an update on early work in the Korora region.

#### **Notifications Distributed**

- Enabling work on the eastern boundary of the Pacific Highway
- Telecommunication work commencing on Coachmans Close
- Utility relocation day work at water main 12 on James Small Drive
- Berry Farm utility relocation and clearing work
- Telecommunication and electrical service relocations on Coramba and Spagnolos Road

#### **Meetings**

- A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting was held on the 18 August. A key issue discussed was the traffic modelling for Coramba Road and concerns from some CCC members that the modelling has

underestimated future impacts of the road network in this area due to the bypass and new Coramba Road interchange.

- Meetings were held at Kororo Public School (Principal Leonie Smith) on 24 and 26 August regarding upcoming work with Quickway and design refinements with FGJV.
- FGJV were introduced to the General Manager of the Coffs Harbour City Council and the Director of Sustainable Infrastructure on the 24 August. The Project Director, Project Deputy Director and Stakeholder Interface Manager were also in attendance

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

- Meeting held at Opal Cove Resort on 5 August 22 regarding potential access for pipe storage during WM12 work on James Small Drive
- Meeting held on 9 August with Banana Coast Caravan Park to discuss project timeframes and utility relocations.
- Meeting held with 23 Tranquillity Drive on 11 August to discuss access and land use of APO92.5
- Meeting with 3 Mitch Place on 11 and 16 August 22 to discuss removal of construction material in project corridor
- Meeting held with 14 Fern Tree Place on 18 August 22 to address clearing work and complaint regarding disturbance to dog burial site
- Meeting held with 1a Coachmans Close on 18 August 22 to issue Land Access agreement and discuss telecommunications relocations
- Meeting held with 13 Coachmans Close on 26 August 22 to discuss telecommunications work in property easement and use of carpark during work
- Meeting held with residents at 26 Old Coast Road regarding water utility relocation and water pump
- Doorknock to directly impacted stakeholders at Russ Hammond Close to discuss Quickway site office use and construction of light vehicle carpark
- Doorknock to directly affected residents on Coachmans Close regarding upcoming telecommunication work. Nil issues recorded.
- Doorknock with directly affected residents on James Small Drive regarding upcoming underbore work for WM12. Nil issues recorded.
- Doorknock with directly affected stakeholder at 36 James Small Drive regarding driveway impacts during telecommunication relocations to occur in late September
- Doorknock to 40 James Small Drive regarding access through property to existing council pit
- Doorknock to stakeholders on Fern Tree Place, Ballantine Drive, James Small Drive and Coachmans Close regarding property condition inspections
- Doorknock to stakeholders on 29 August Tiffany and Rosina Close regarding telecommunication underboring on Spagnolos Road

#### ***Community Display Office***

- The Community Display Office was opened on the 3,10,17,24 August. Unfortunately, it was closed 31 August due to Communications Manager sickness and no other project team member was available to assist in opening it.
- 4 Ministerials
- 8 phone calls to the dedicated project telephone number

- 14 emails enquiries to the dedicated project email address

### **Key Themes**

- Key topics include:
  - Employment opportunities
  - Accommodation / rental properties available for the major contractor

### **Coming Up**

- September project update

### **Complaints and Enquiries**

- A resident complained about the visual impact of overhead electrical services and compensation for relocating a septic system. The project team advised that the standard policy is to relocate electrical services 'like for like' and that appropriate compensation was provided for relocation of the septic system.
- A resident in the vicinity of Coramba Rd complained about incomplete installation of noise treatment works at their property. Evidence was provided to demonstrate that some of the disputed works had been completed. The connection of the air conditioning system is on hold while power capacity issues are resolved.
- A resident in the vicinity of Russ Hammond Cl complained about a worker parking their car on his property. The car was immediately removed and a site wide email and toolbox was issued reiterating the parking arrangements in the vicinity of Russ Hammond Cl.
- A resident advised that they do not want a koala fence installed along the boundary between their property and the project. The resident was advised that koala fences are a key mitigation measure to reduce potential impacts on koalas and other fauna.
- There were three complaints about damage to property (e.g. fences) during clearing works. Where appropriate, damaged property will be repaired and reinstated.

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Attachment: Site Images – August 2022



**Site Images – Low Impact Early Works**



**Image 1: Bruxner Park Rd (sth side) – Establishment of pads and bays for upcoming management of under boring slurry**



**Image 2: Bruxner Park Rd (sth side) – Establishment of pads and bays for upcoming management of under boring slurry**



**Image 3: Bruxner Park Rd (nth side) – Establishment of pads for upcoming laydown of utility relocation materials**



**Image 4: Bruxner Park Rd (nth side) – ErSed controls on downslope side of laydown pad**



**Image 5:** Bruxner Park Rd (nth side) – Establishment of dewatering bays for future management of under boring slurry



**Image 6:** Bruxner Park Rd (nth side) – Establishment of tracks to access upcoming utility relocation work areas



**Image 7:** Opal Blvd utility relocations – site of recent water main installation following backfilling



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