

Attachment I - CLG Presentation



Pacific Highway Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Upgrade

Grafton Community Liaison Group Meeting – 8 December 2004

Roads and Traffic Authority

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Upgrade



Tanyia Tuckey

Community Liaison Manager

Sinclair Knight Merz

Agenda



- › Introductions
- › Commitment to consultation
- › The CLG process
- › Pacific Highway Upgrade Strategy
- › Background to the Project
- › Project team and Project overview
- › Community information sessions feedback
- › Brainstorming and ranking activity
- › Close

Welcome and Introductions



- › Introduce project team members that are present
- › Introduce CLG members
 - » *name and where you live*
 - » *why you chose to become a member*
 - » *who you are representing and how*
 - » *any previous CLG experience*

Community Liaison Group Process



- › **The RTA Charter**
 - » **intent**
 - » **clarification**

- › **Your communication needs**

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Upgrade



Peter Black

Project Development Manager

Pacific Highway Office, RTA

Pacific Highway Upgrading Community Involvement



Commitment to Consultation

Pacific Highway Upgrading Successful Consultation



What is successful consultation?

- ✓ The community is involved early
- ✓ A cross section of the community are involved
- ✓ When consultation is one of many influencers in the process
- ✓ The community needs and issues are considered
- ✓ When communication is two-way

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Upgrade



Peter Black

Project Development Manager

Pacific Highway Office, RTA



Upgrading the Pacific Highway –

Key Date:

Preferred route and concept design by July 2006

Why are we fast-tracking the Upgrading Program



Increasing pressure to accelerate completion of dual carriageway :

- » Road crashes involving fatalities still high
- » Increased travel demand from:
 - Rapid growth on the North Coast
 - Interstate traffic
- » Loss of amenity to local communities
 - Highway noise
 - Local/Through traffic interaction

Overview of the Pacific Highway Upgrading Program



- › Planning for this project is being funded by the State Government as part of its \$1.6 billion contribution to the ten year upgrading program (\$2.2 billion total)
- › Future (Beyond 10 Year Program):
 - » State Government has given a commitment to continue upgrading
 - » Federal Government has recently released AusLink White Paper which :
 - » - maintains \$60 million/year for years 9 and 10 of the current program
 - increase contribution to \$160 million /year over the following 3 years

Pacific Highway Upgrading Program Objectives



Hexham to Queensland Border

- ✓ Significantly reduces road crashes and serious injuries
- ✓ Reduced travel times and delays
- ✓ Reduced freight transport costs
- ✓ A community satisfied with the physical development of the route
- ✓ A route that supports economic development
- ✓ Considers the environment
- ✓ Achieves value for money

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Specific Project Objectives



SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES ROAD CRASHES AND SERIOUS INJURIES

- ✓ Target crash rate of min 15 per 100MVK
- ✓ 110 km/h design speed
- ✓ Minimise access points
- ✓ Can be upgraded to a Freeway standard

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Specific Project Objectives



REDUCE TRAVEL TIMES AND DELAYS

- ✓ Maximises reduction in travel time
- ✓ Minimise closures and delays from flooding
- ✓ Minimise delay and disruption during construction

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Specific Project Objectives



REDUCED FREIGHT TRANSPORT COSTS

- ✓ Reduces overall freight transport costs
- ✓ Meets or exceeds B-Double requirements

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Specific Project Objectives



A COMMUNITY SATISFIED WITH THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROUTE

- ✓ Minimise traffic noise, intrusion, severance and access patterns
- ✓ Maintain access to properties during construction

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Specific Project Objectives



A ROUTE THAT SUPPORTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Access to local and regional centres of economic importance
- ✓ Minimises impact on business/service facilities
- ✓ Provide a level of flood immunity

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Specific Project Objectives



CONSIDERS THE ENVIRONMENT

- ✓ Minimises the effects on sensitive habitats and native vegetation
- ✓ Minimises impact on National Parks
- ✓ Satisfies the principles of Ecological Sustainable Development

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Specific Project Objectives



VALUE FOR MONEY

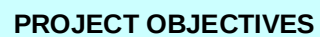
- ✓ Minimises Whole of Life Costs
- ✓ Benefit to Cost Ratio of greater than 2
- ✓ Supports NSW Government and Clarence Valley Council development policies

Categorising Project Objectives



Project Objectives can be placed into four categories

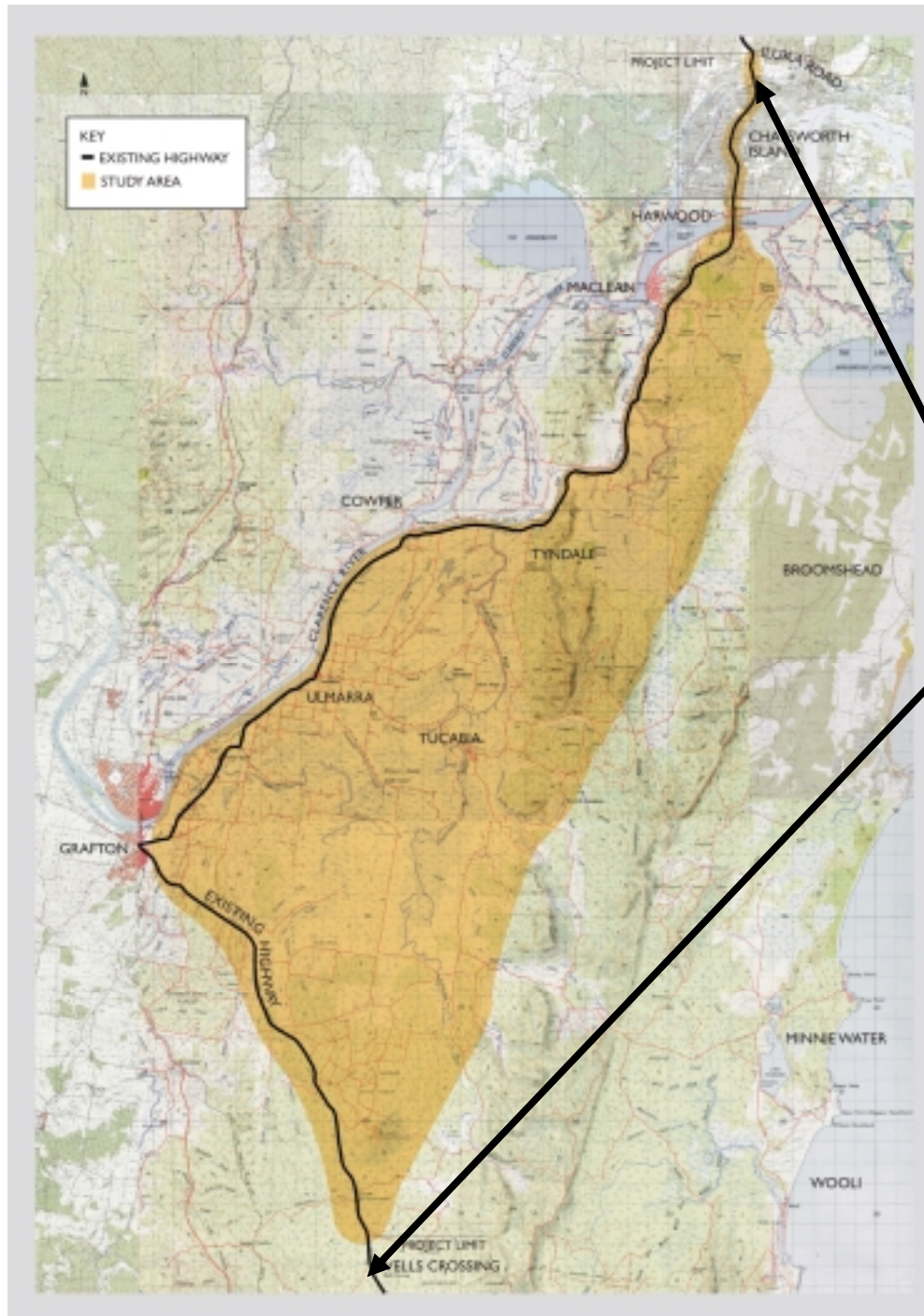
- 1. Social**
- 2. Environmental**
- 3. Functional (Engineering)**
- 4. Economic**



Pacific Highway Upgrading Study Area



So what is a study area?



Study Area



› Northern project limit
- Iluka Road

Southern project
limit - Wells
Crossing

Approx 80 km of
existing highway

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road

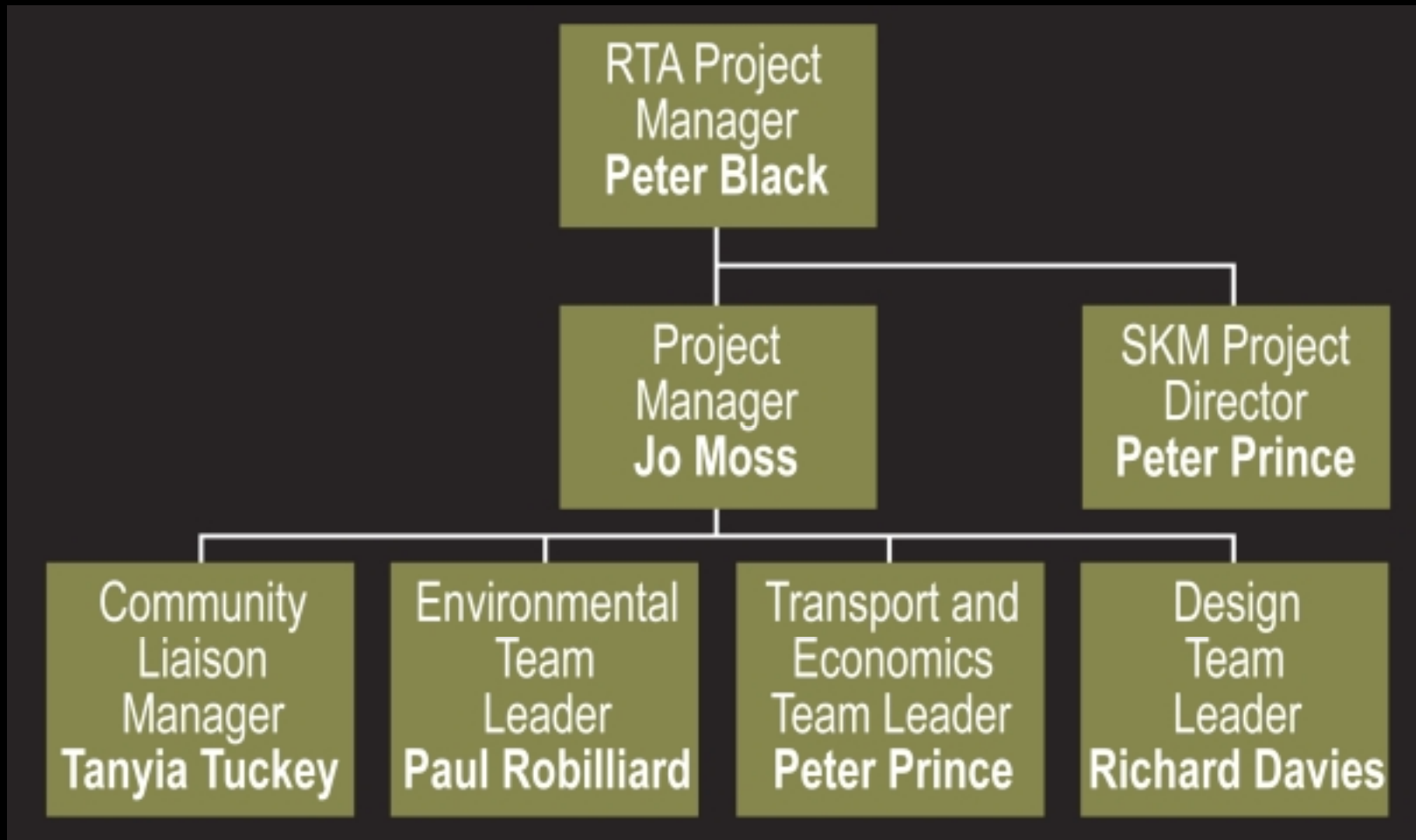


Jo Moss

Project Manager

Sinclair Knight Merz

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Upgrade Study Team



Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Scope of Investigations (1)



› **Transportation**

- » highway safety
- » future population and employment areas
- » good access to existing centres (Grafton, Maclean, Ulmarra ...)
- » accommodate travel improvements for regional and local traffic

› **Economics**

- » cost and benefits of the upgraded highway
- » potential business and land use impacts
- » regional economic development benefits
- » construction employment benefits

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Scope of Investigations (2)



› **Environmental**

» Flora and fauna

- Threatened species and endangered ecological communities
- SEPP 14 wetlands
- habitat, wildlife corridors, nests and food trees

» Heritage - Indigenous and non-indigenous sites and areas

» Noise impacts to residences and other noise sensitive land uses

» Air quality and greenhouse emissions, climate

» Water quality

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Scope of Investigations (3)



- › **Land Use, planning and zoning**
 - » Existing and future land use
 - » Cane farming and other rural production
 - » Forestry
 - » Rural residential, urban areas and villages
 - » Highway related uses - motels and truck stops

- › **Social**
 - » Visual and amenity impacts
 - » Community impacts, severance
 - » Local access
 - » Business impacts

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road

Scope of Investigations (4)



› Design

- » Engineering design - highway and road corridor, local access
- » Aerial photography
- » Survey
- » Existing highway and bridge condition
- » Geotechnical
- » Flooding
- » Visual and amenity impacts
- » Collation of data and information in GIS
- » Development of options
- » Costing of options

Study Process



WE ARE HERE

Preliminary investigations

*Commenced
- Oct 2004*

Generate route options

*Route options
display
- mid 2005*

Develop route options

*Preferred Option
display
- late 2005*

Select and develop
concept design

*Preferred Route
and Concept Design
- July 2006*

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Anticipated CLG Meetings



Preliminary investigations



Generate route options



Develop route options



Select and develop
concept design

Familiarisation

*December
2004*

Design issues

Update on investigations

Route Options

*display
- mid 2005*

Update on investigations

Preferred Option

*display
- late 2005*

Environmental impact
assessment

*Preferred Route
and Concept
Design*

The next steps

- July 2006

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road



Tanyia Tuckey

Community Consultation Manager

Sinclair Knight Merz

Community Information Sessions



What do you believe are the

- › key criteria for a successful project
- › issues regarding this project
- › information needs
- › anything else?

Key Issues from Community Sessions



- › Key issues from the Community Information Sessions

Key Issues from Community Sessions



- › Do these issues match this groups perceptions?
- › How would you rank the issues in order of importance

How to contact the project team



› Freecall number -

1800 557 673

› Web-site -

www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific

› Email address -

welldcrossingtoiluka@skm.com.au

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Upgrade



Closing remarks...

...Thank you.