

MINUTES

Meeting title	Coffs Harbour Bypass Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Date and time	6:00pm – 8:00pm Monday 29 April 2019
Venue	Boardroom Two, Pacific Bay Resort, Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour
Chairperson	Colin Gellatly
Committee Attendees	<i>Alan Clayton, Barbara Davis, Nathan Brennan, Helen Davies, Graham Stubbington, Mayor Denise Knight (CHCC), Glenn O’Grady (CHCC), Vicky Sisson (RMS), Scott Lawrence (RMS), Adam Cameron (RMS)</i>
Observers	<i>Sue Strodl, Bruce Fidge, Michael Young (DPE), Glenn Snow (DPE), Rachel Sadler (RMS)</i>
Apologies	<i>Paul Shoker, Gary Orange</i>
Secretariat	<i>Emma Wilson (RMS)</i>

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1.	Acknowledgment of Country	
1.1	Welcome to Country delivered by Nathan Brennan	Nathan Brennan
2.	Welcome, housekeeping and introduction of members and observes and any apologies	
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin discussed housekeeping items and welcomed all members of the committee. He also introduced himself and gave a brief outline of his career. 	Colin Galletley
3	State Significant projects and Community Consultative Committees (CCC)	
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Young gave a presentation on State Significant projects. The presentation is available as Attachment A There was a general discussion and Q&A’s on the presentation. Michael encouraged Committee members to register through the Planning Portal for email updates on the progress of the project. Registration can be achieved by visiting the link below https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10461 	Michael Young
4	Outline of role and operations of CCC	
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin reiterated the role and responsibilities of the CCC. Colin advised the Community Consultative Committee guidelines were updated in January 2019. These guidelines are available as Attachment B 	Colin Gellatley
5	Presentation by RMS on status of project	
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam delivered a presentation on the background of the Coffs Harbour Bypass and the findings and responses to the Community Feedback received in November 2018. This presentation is available as Attachment C There was a general discussion and Q&A’s on the presentation 	Adam Cameron
6	Comments by Community and Council members on issues important to them	
6.1	<p>Each Committee member was given the opportunity to voice the issues important to them:</p> <p>Alan Clayton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed concerns that the start date of 2020 may be pushed back if 	

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<p>there is further conjecture on the design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioned whether a delay in the completion of the upgrade between Woolgoolga and Ballina would impact Coffs Harbour Bypass • Questioned whether all resources, equipment are there to get on with the project when it could commence <p>RMS advised that government is committed to a Coffs Harbour Bypass and the EIS process is about getting the design right on the current alignment (preferred route). RMS further advised that Woolgoolga to Ballina is a separate project and would not affect the timing of Coffs Harbour Bypass. On the matter of resourcing, it was advised that a procurement process would be undertaken, and there was discussion on economic prosperity for Coffs Harbour and surrounds during and after construction.</p> <p><u>Barbara Davis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Emphasised that there should not be delays as the issues on the existing highway are worsening – Advised that all vehicles should be able to use the bypass, including dangerous goods – Stated that it is hoped that we can achieve an outcome that everybody can be happy with <p><u>Graham Stubbington</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Stated that the community has not received analysis of the 800 submissions to RMS regarding the 2018 design – Stated that Coffs Bypass Action Group (CBAG) position was that there needs to be three tunnels on the project – Advised that there should be an independent audit of the forecast noise boundaries and noise abatement systems in the EIS <p>RMS advised that an outline of the type of feedback received in the 800 submissions was provided in the presentation, and that the EIS will include more information on this.</p> <p>DPE advised that as part of the review process for the EIS, DPE engage with the Environment Protection Authority noise experts and they also review the noise assessment in the EIS.</p> <p><u>Helen Davies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Advised that she would like to see a thorough and detailed hydrogeological, geological, noise, habitat assessment, and understands that it is coming up in the EIS process. – Questioned how long the bypass would take to construct and if it will affect youth unemployment given the highway is proposed to bypass the Coffs community. – Advised that there should be a health risk assessment included in the EIS if tunnels are built. <p>RMS advised that the environmental matters above would be included in the EIS.</p> <p><u>Mayor Denise Knight (CHCC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Stated that government had already committed to three tunnels and questioned why RMS is only investigating options – Stated that it was the understanding of Coffs Harbour City Council that the pre-election commitment was to build three tunnels. – Questioned whether all Bypass have a CCC <p><u>Col Gellatly</u> – advised that this is part of a consultation process to get to a final decision and that CCC's are generally formed once a project has been approved.</p> <p><u>Glenn O'Grady (CHCC)</u></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Advised that Council submitted their feedback on the 2018 concept design and about their issues with tunnels vs cuttings. – Advised the EIS will have the answers I seek and that he has confidence in the EIS process. <p><u>Nathan Brennan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Construction needs to be done in a way that that looks after our Aboriginal Heritage (particularly in relation to taking care of burials, sacred sites and other areas of Aboriginal significance. – Need to ensure construction contractors comply with what has been said in the EIS – Advised that he will be advocating oversight of the works during construction – Advised that he found working with the project team a positive experience with the recent archaeological survey works currently being undertaken 	
7	Way forward, reports required, dates for future meetings	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin advised the next meeting will be left open until we know when the EIS is being lodged. • We encourage you to directly contact the project team if you have any questions before the next meeting • The Project contact details are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ coffsharbourbypass@rms.nsw.gov.au ○ 1800 550 621 	Colin Gellatly