

# Regional Manager's weekly update

**Tuesday 17 April 2012**

Dear Community

Since Christmas, the Foxground and Berry bypass project team has been examining the suggested southern option to compare with the northern option. This work has been intensive and has involved a large team of engineering experts from a range of specialist companies.

I want to assure you that I will be closely engaged with the progress of this work over the next few weeks. I am actively involving myself in this project because I want to be certain that we are all working together towards a decision point. I need to know that there is absolute integrity in the process.

A decision about the route of the proposed Berry bypass will be reached based on the findings of the review and validated by the resulting independent review. It is important to emphasise that the Technical Information Group is an advisory body, rather than a decision-making body. We are all working together to contribute information which can be used by the decision makers, when that time comes.

I have been approached by individual community members to discuss the project and am always happy to answer questions. I also think it is important that people who may not have the time or the inclination to ask these same questions can get access to the same information.

In this context, we will now update the website every Tuesday. These updates will include:

- Progress of the technical investigations into bypass route options;
- Findings of the expert review panel (TIG) who are continually analysing and reviewing the details of the project and ensuring community input is given careful consideration;
- Meeting notes from various working groups;
- Other notes from meetings held with the community over the past week; and
- An updated issues and actions list which will include an outcomes column, so we can start reporting on the close out of issues.

A 'process map' outlining the milestone dates and what we need to achieve over the next few weeks will be added to the project website next Tuesday.

We will continue to consult with the community and the working groups.

In addition, we will letterbox drop highlights of the weekly web update on a regular basis. We will also continue with email alerts on important issues when needed.

I would like to thank you all for your continuing contribution to this project. I look forward to seeing you at our next Q & A session of the southern route option investigation at 6:30pm on 30 April 2012 at the Berry School of Arts.

Due to adverse weather conditions, the time taken to consider the substantial input from the community and the addition of the independent reviewer to the process, we have been unable to complete the cost analysis.

The coming meeting will include a discussion about the review, with subject matter experts available to talk through the information and analysis available to date.

Thank you for your interest in this important project for the South Coast.

Yours sincerely

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