

Regional Manager's weekly update

Last week I talked about how we are approaching a decision point and we are now getting closer. Over the past five months a Technical Investigation Group has been undertaking a feasibility study of the southern suggested route based on comparative cost estimates. The Route Feasibility Comparative Cost Estimate Report has now been completed and submitted to the Independent Review Team for their consideration.

This week I am mailing all residents in the project area a letter about the report in order to keep everyone up to date as we step through this process. There have been requests to see the report before the Minister's decision is announced, which cannot be fulfilled. However, I am able to provide background detail into how the report was created and what it will include. Our commitment is to publish the report and discuss its findings with you as soon as an announcement has been made.

We have received a few requests from the community for the Independent Reviewer to publish minutes of their discussions with community members and stakeholders. The Independent Review team have agreed that to do so would be in keeping with the project's commitment to integrity and transparency. These notes are included in this week's website update along with a revised fact sheet about the role and responsibility of the Independent Reviewer.

Today's updates include:

- A second fact sheet written by the Independent Reviewer including meetings notes, followed by an issues register they recorded at the April 30 Question and Answer session;
- A fact sheet providing an overview of the southern bypass route report and decision process and
- Updates on the Issues, Actions and Outcomes Register (previously known as the Critical Issues Register) which reflect the outcomes detailed in the Route Feasibility Comparative Cost Estimate Report.

Thank you for your continuing interest in this important project for the South Coast and I appreciate how much personal time and commitment many of you have put into the process particularly over the past few months.

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