

Venue: Camden Haven High School

Time: 6.00pm

Date: 5 March 2000

Present: Barry Barr
John Branch
Ron Clapton
Tracey Dignum
Ian Ferguson
Alan Grady
Alan Hagney
Barbara Jackson
Ian Jackson
Jan Kuras
Kelvin Limbrick
Roger McCosker

Ray Dallen, RTA
Tony Smith, RTA
Alistair Kerle, Arup
Helen Weston, Arup
Tony McNamara, ERM
John Hamilton, Arup

Apologies: Graham Wood

1. Introduction & Welcome

- Tony McNamara presented agenda.
- Project team introduced.
- No specific issues to follow up from meeting of 12 December 2000.

2. Progress of Investigations

- **Alistair Kerle presented introduction to technical team.**
- **John Hamilton outlined fieldwork investigations:**
 - EMP prior to geotech field investigations
 - Geotechnical investigations including conductivity and drilling tests.
 - Consultation with service authorities re location of services.
 - Investigation of structures-bridges & culverts. Most found to be sound apart from two 1930's bridges at Stoney Creek and Herons Creek.
 - Traffic / transportation forecasts for 30 years.
 - Aerial survey complete. Cadastral layer now placed over photo layer.
 - Examination of condition of existing pavement.
- **Helen Weston presented environmental studies commenced to date.**

- **Landuse/planning issues.** Draft of landuse report received. Planning and social impact reports awaited.
- Major impacts likely to be residences and businesses at Kew and Johns River, and on some agricultural properties
- Agricultural assessment. Draft report completed by subconsultant Wason Mactier
- Generally less productive clay soils north of Kew.
- Identifies lower impacts if Highway is upgraded to the east of the existing alignment rather than to the west.
- Also notes that relatively small impacts on dairy farms could make them nonviable in current deregulated climate.
- **Cultural Heritage (Aboriginal & European)**
- Report being reviewed by RTA.
- **Aboriginal Heritage:**
- Consultation has been undertaken with three LALC's.
- 3 Brother Mountains considered to be of high significance.
- Road adjacent to Middle Brother needs to remain in existing corridor.
- 124 archaeological sites identified within 250 km² centred on study area.
- 3.2km² have been surveyed comprehensively.
- 15 sites have been recorded during current investigations.
- High level constraints include 2 scarred trees near Herons Creek, site of last corroboree south of Kew, reported burial place at Kew, 3 Brother Mountains.
- **European Heritage:**
- Main themes are exploration, timber, lime burning, grazing and transport.
- 32 historic sites identified.
- Royal Hotel, Kew Police Station and Ivers Mill are of "high significance",
- **Terrestrial flora and fauna**
- 32 threatened flora species
- 36 threatened fauna species
- **Vegetation**
- 4 communities:
 - Wet sclerophyll
 - Blackbutt woodland
 - Melaleuca & swamp oak
 - Sedge/wetlands
- **Aquatic flora/fauna**
- 4 high priority waterways: Stewarts River, Stoney Creek, Camden Haven River and Herons Creek.
- other intermittent waterways
- 36 estuarine and freshwater species
- no threatened species likely in waterways in study area.
- The option of widening the existing highway is attractive for minimising impact on aquatic habitats.
- **Landscape**
- Assessment in progress

- **Noise and vibration**
- Investigations being finalised for each option.
- **Social Impact Assessment**
- Assessment in progress

- **Tony McNamara presented community consultation to date**
 - Free call -7 calls, mostly addresses for mailouts or discussion on specific route implications
 - Public display of route options to commence early May subject to decision of RTA.
Community Newsletter No 2 to be issued to announce Route Options Display

3. Community Issues

Issues Raised

- Can options be reduced to eliminate most unlikely routes?
- Can an overpass be provided for Kendall Road or Ocean Drive?
- If existing route upgraded, affected property owners on western side would prefer to take compensation as soon as possible.
- Road would more likely go on west of Kew than being located close to the High School.
- No feedback has been received from Ross Glen residents.
- Concern with potential for noise
- Concern with blasting- previous problem experienced with last highway upgrade.
- Where properties are affected, early acquisition would be preferred.
- Entrances to Herons Creek Public School need to be considered.
- It was generally agreed that the CFG process was worthwhile.

4. Preliminary design development

The indicative route options to Kew and up to Herons Creek were presented by John Hamilton.

- John explained in detail the route options explaining implications in terms of length of construction, surplus or deficit of material, areas of cut and fill, options for intersections and access ramps, options for overpasses, properties, houses affected.

5. Next Steps in project development

- Ray Dallen explained that the work is still in phase 2 of the project-Options Development.
- Next step is public display of route options
- This is followed several weeks after the display by a two day Value Management workshop. This will involve 1 or 2 members of the CFG's plus key government bodies and representatives from involved agencies and organisations.
- Helen Weston discussed the need for a suitable venue for display of the route options plans (6*AO sheets). Suggestions were the Laurieton library, Kendall community hall, Kew VIC, Kew Golf Club and Kendall RSL.

6. Confirmation of matters to be followed up

EPA guidelines for noise assessment of new road construction and upgrades to be provided.

7. Next meeting

Tentative dates for next meeting would be 23rd April or 30th April. Ray Dallen to advise.

8. Conclusion and close of meeting

Ray Dallen thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.50 pm.

