

Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Wacol to Darra

Date	Tuesday 27 October 2009
Time:	12.30pm – 2.30pm
Venue	SAFElink Alliance Mainline Training Room – Darra Site Office
Attendees	Cathy Easte – Darra Community Group David Tilbury – Managing Director Intralux Australia Pty Ltd Kevin Watson – Owner Enklo Printing Maureen Fryga – Wacol Action Group Beau Jones – President Centenary & District Chamber of Commerce
Facilitator	Suzi Woodrow-Read
SAFElink Alliance	Angela Bracey – Main Roads Principal Communications Officer Michael Dixon – Environment Manager Kyle Roggenkamp – Community Relations Manager Ben Smith – Community Relations Coordinator Andrew Ross – Construction Manager
Apologies	Stan Been – General Manager Australian Slatwall Industries QLD Christina Harriden – Darra resident Dr Chuong Bui – Vietnamese Community Group Peter Murphy – Toll Express John Cridland - Rotarian Simon Birrell – Friends of Pooh Corner Michelle Meredith – Inala Community House and South West Neighbouring Communities Rangi Ross – Darra resident Tran Huyen – Vietnamese Society

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<p>1. Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Suzi welcomed the group and introductions were completed.</p>	Suzi Woodrow-Read
<p>4. Project progress update</p> <p>The following topics were covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ project background and objective ○ project progress ○ key project statistics ○ achievements to date ○ aerial progress shots across the project 	Andrew Ross



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ traffic changes between October and the end of the project ○ community programs (with updates from Kyle Roggenkamp) ○ environmental activities (with updates from Michael Dixon) <p>Feedback:</p> <p>A CLG member asked what would happen to the Centenary Village access when the eastbound Ipswich Motorway is switched to the new alignment in late November. The changes to the Village access onto the northern suburbs ramp onto the Centenary Highway were explained and the staging of the opening of the new service road connecting Progress Road Interchange, Centenary Village and Boundary Road in Richlands were also explained. Communication materials around this change in access are to be distributed throughout Centenary Village in mid November 2009.</p> <p>A CLG member asked about the Progress Road Interchange Planning Study – Wicklow Street was a specific concern and the effect a change in access may have if the street is turned into a cul-de-sac. The Planning Study was explained, in addition to the potential timing and funding for the project. Brochures on the Planning Study were distributed after the meeting.</p> <p>A CLG member asked when the bikeways alongside the Centenary Highway would be completed and how they will connect to the current bikeway network. The full extent of the bikeways was explained and the timing was split up into the Centenary Highway section (completed by early 2010) and the Ipswich Motorway section (completed between March and June 2010). The connection between the existing bikeway along the Centenary Highway was highlighted as being discussed with BCC regarding the potential use of traffic lights at the crossing point.</p> <p>A CLG member asked what would happen to the project site after the works are completed. It was explained that a significant section of this area is already being turned into green space with a landscaped mound and plant features. Then it was explained that the Department of Transport and Main Roads will take advantage of having a site setup in the vicinity of the next Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Darra to Rocklea and the Progress Road Interchange Upgrade. Setting up a new site would be of significant cost to the taxpayer, but it was reiterated that the project site would not be used to store large plant and machinery. A section of the car park will also be removed to restore a landscaped corridor between the project office site and the residents of Strathaird Street.</p>	

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<p>The consultation around the artwork for the Mural on Warrender Street underpass was discussed and multiple CLG members identified the need to take the consultation out to wider Darra and not just Centenary Village. The SAFElink team agreed to do this and sessions were subsequently held over the following weeks at the Darra Shops. The CLG members said they would like to see a historical and environmental perspective captured in the mural. The SAFElink team said they provide the feedback form to the CLG members that requested it. This was completed and many forms were returned for consideration.</p> <p>A CLG Member enquired how the flora and fauna fencing worked. The funnelling effect of this fencing was explained (where the fauna is guided by the fencing to cross in designated areas such as bridge crossings), in addition to the extra depth that the fencing is buried into the ground to prevent animals burrowing under and through the fence.</p>	
<p>8. Question and answer time</p> <p>A CLG member asked whether SAFElink have undertaken traffic counts to see how much more traffic has moved onto Harcourt Road since the Kelliher Road off-ramp has been closed. The team said these counts had not been taken due to the closure being a temporary change. The CLG Member noted a marked increase in late arrivals of employees to work and an increase in taxis not being able to find their office.</p> <p>A CLG Member raised the following issues to be discussed at a separate meeting with BCC, SAFElink, Horizon and DTMR representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the timing of SAFElink and Horizon Alliance works in relation to Kelliher and Garden Roads ▪ the local roads servicing the Richlands business area are being impacted heavily by project traffic and there are concerns that the life of the roads have been shortened dramatically ▪ some projects are managing environmental impacts well but others are not following their lead and need to meet the same standards ▪ traffic through restricted BCC-controlled roads – such as Bandarra Street where a bollard has been removed and heavy vehicles are now using an area that is supposed to be residential only. 	<p>CLG members / Suzi Woodrow-Read</p>

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<p>Action: SAFELink to setup a meeting to discuss these matters with the appropriate representatives. This meeting was held on Thursday 5 November and further meetings will follow as required.</p>	
<p>9. Close of meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The next meeting time was identified as around the second week in February 2010.▪ A nominated topic for the next meeting was “Value for Money” – what has been invested and accomplished, including lessons learnt. <p>Suzi thanked the CLG members for their attendance.</p>	Suzi Woodrow-Read