

Community Liaison Group (CLG) - Meeting two

DATE: Monday 25 August 2008

VENUE: Mainline Training Room – SAFELink site office

ATTENDEES:

Cathy Easte	Darra Community Group
Rangi Ross	Local community representative
Beau Jones	Centenary and Districts Chamber of Commerce
Martin Wood	Alliance Manager, SAFELink Alliance
Kyle Roggenkamp	Community Relations Manager, SAFELink Alliance
Ben Smith	Community Relations Coordinator, SAFELink Alliance
Kelly Bentson	Main Roads Principal Communication Officer
Suzi Woodrow-Read	CLG Facilitator
Maureen Fryga	Wacol Action Group
Simon Birrell	Friends of Pooh Corner
Raymond Murray	Inala PCYC
Cameron Sharp	Traffic Manager, SAFELink Alliance

APOLOGIES:

Peter Murphy	Toll Express
Stan Been	ASI
Dr Choung Bui	Vietnamese Community Group
Michele Meredith	South West Neighbouring Communities
Christina Harriden	Local resident

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1.0	<p>Welcome and introductions: Suzi Woodrow-Read</p> <p>Suzi thanked everyone for coming along and mentioned the apologies from Peter, Stan, Dr Bui, Michele and Christina.</p> <p>Suzi also reiterated the role of the CLG as a highly-valued adviser to the project and a conduit for communication back to the groups they represent. The concept of a “two-way street” was discussed with each CLG member having an obligation to both provide the input from their representative areas of the community and then provide information back accordingly.</p>

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	<p>All CLG members in attendance introduced themselves, their role, who they represent and what they hope to achieve by being a CLG member.</p> <p>Suzi also asked for comments from the CLG members who attended the site tour. Comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the tour gave an excellent perspective on the scale of project activities ▪ the most amazing part was the change in levels and contours displayed ▪ there is so much happening around all parts of the site.
2.0	<p>Project progress – Martin Wood (Alliance Manager)</p> <p>Martin Wood provided the following to the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ an overview on SAFElink Alliance ▪ scope of the project ▪ key milestones ▪ progress against these milestones ▪ summary of achievements ▪ significant actions for the next 3 months ▪ future works. <p>The following questions and issues were raised during and following this presentation.</p> <p>Q: Where is all of the landfill coming from to build the road level up so high? A: The majority of fill comes from Springfield as the development underway has ample amounts to be removed. We also source landfill from the cuttings we have made on our own job, in particular, from the cuttings we have made on the southern side of the Ipswich Motorway west of the Centenary Highway Interchange.</p> <p>Q: What impacts are the earthworks being undertaken on the southern side of the Ipswich Motorway having on Metroplex land? A: None. The only impact we are having on Metroplex land is the topsoil storage on the old marching grounds that Metroplex have agreed to let us use.</p> <p>Q: How much bushland was cleared to make way for the right hand turn onto the Ipswich Motorway westbound? Was an evaluation made of the hive-bearing trees through this section and what has been done to re-establish these hives? A: Firstly, we only cleared the bare minimum to allow room for the construction of this turning lane and relocation of Energex services. A full environmental assessment is</p>

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	<p>always made before we clear an area and all flora and fauna identified and handled appropriately. In each case we do everything we can to preserve or relocate exiting species. For the full details of how this was handled, we suggest you discuss this further with our Environmental Manager, Michael Dixon.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <p>Provide CLG members with Environmental Manager, Michael Dixon's contact details.</p>
3.0	<p>Major Traffic changes – Cameron Sharp (Traffic Manager)</p> <p>Cameron provided an overview of major traffic activities, broken across the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>milestones achieved since last meeting</i> ▪ <i>current milestones - stage one</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ closure of eastern service road ○ opening of the new Ipswich Motorway Service Road ○ Bakery Road permanent closure ○ realignment of the Centenary Highway (South of CHI) ○ opening of the dedicated left-turn slip lane ○ Bullockhead Street off-ramp temporary closure ○ realignment of the left turn from the Ipswich Motorway onto the Centenary Highway northbound. ▪ <i>future milestones for stage two and three.</i> <p>The following questions and issues were raised during and following this presentation.</p> <p>Q: Harcourt Road is a big issue for the community and there is now extra traffic using roads such as Darra Station Road which pass by schools. Have SAFELink looked at any strategies to reduce the amount of traffic their staff are creating around the Darra Community?</p> <p>A: At this stage we have not yet finalised a solution to address the traffic that our staff bring to the Darra area. We will take it as an action to come back to this group and explain the options we have created to reduce this traffic. We have discussed the use of shuttle buses from a common parking area and from the Darra train station. As far as safety goes, we have and we will continue to educate our staff on where they need to be driving and how they need to manage their speed within local residential areas.</p>

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	<p>Q: Harcourt road is getting so busy that traffic is queuing back into the Darra streets and when people do turn onto this road they cannot see around the corners. Can we investigate large mirrors to enable a better view of oncoming traffic?</p> <p>A: Cameron Sharp will investigate this option with Brisbane City Council.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ explain the options we have created to reduce SAFElink traffic in Darra to the CLG at the next meeting▪ direct SAFElink staff to avoid driving down Winslow Street▪ discuss the erection of mirrors on the street corners around Harcourt Road in Darra with BCC. <p>General comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ people are still getting lost and driving into Centenary Village – partly due to SatNav directions▪ the Police have been very effective in enforcing speed limits around the Centenary Highway▪ it is now easier to get out of Centenary Village due to the reduced speed of motorists.
4.0	<p>Community Engagement - Kyle Roggenkamp</p> <p>Kyle Roggenkamp provided a detailed overview of the community engagement activities to date and what is planned for the next three months. Topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ recent community engagement activities▪ upcoming activities▪ community feedback – including market research findings. <p>The following questions and issues were raised during and following this presentation.</p> <p>Q: A lot of people who work and own businesses locally do not live locally. What are you doing to communicate with these people?</p> <p>A: We use the following channels to communicate outside of the local area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ the Brisbane Metro Transport Management Centre through call scripting, their website and feeds into radio announcements▪ the Courier Mail for larger announcements▪ the Main Roads website and the weekly “Around the Roads” publication

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ we deliver our notices to the actual business. <p>Q: Are your mail outs going to PO boxes and are they going to Darra Industrial areas?</p> <p>A: Yes, we go through both Australia Post and private distributors to get to these areas.</p> <p>ACTION: Outline activities being undertaken to engage businesses at the next CLG.</p> <p>General comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SAFELink are doing a great job getting information to the community ▪ it is time to start engaging more of the businesses around Wacol regarding stage two of the project.
5.0	<p>Questions and Answers - CLG members</p> <p>This session gave CLG members an opportunity to voice their key concerns and/or areas of interest at this stage of the project to ensure future CLG meetings are tailored to meet their information needs.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ specific areas of interest or concern ▪ general feedback on project and community engagement approach ▪ topics to be discussed at the next CLG meeting. <p>The following questions and issues were raised during and following this presentation.</p> <p>Q: Can we invite elected representatives from this area to the next meeting to discuss local issues?</p> <p>A: Whilst having special guests along to a CLG meeting is something we could collectively consider, the CLG meeting isn't the forum for a debate about wider issues unrelated to the project and wouldn't align with the charter of the CLG. It was suggested that these issues could be dealt with at other community meetings outside of the CLG.</p> <p>Note: A number of other environmental questions were asked. It was suggested that SAFELink's Environmental Manager can discuss any environmental items further.</p> <p>ACTION: Include the following topics for the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ project environmental management approach and actions so far ▪ business engagement activities ▪ initiatives to reduce SAFELink staff traffic in Darra.

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6.0	<p>Wrap up</p> <p>Suzi thanked the members for their attendance. The next meeting is scheduled to occur during the week of 24 November 2008.</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</p>	

Next meeting: Week of 24 November 2008 (TBC).

