

Meeting Notes - Meeting No. 5

Clarence Correctional Centre - Community Consultative Committee

9 April 2018 – 4.00pm – 6.10pm

Location: South Grafton Ex-Serviceman's Club - 2 Wharf St, South Grafton

Attendees:

Chairperson: Margaret Harvie.

Community representatives present: Sharron Lee Todd, Julie Perkins, Martin Oates, Tania Williams, Geoffrey Jones.

Local Government representative: Elizabeth Fairweather (Clarence Valley Council)

Northern Pathways representatives: Mike Cramb (John Laing), Paul Cassel (John Holland), Peter McIntosh (Serco)

In attendance: Tiffany Jones (John Holland), Clint Bambrick (Serco) Imogene Gardiner (John Laing) Rosalie Carino (notetaker- John Holland), Kerri Trevaskis (Pac Complete), Kiara Neasy (INSW), Steven Alford (RMS), Adam Wood (Pac Complete).

Item no.	Description	Details
1.	Welcome, apologies and introductions	Round table introduction Apologies: Bob Thompson and John Griffith (John's apology received following the meeting).
2.	Declarations of pecuniary and other interest	Geoffrey Jones is a business owner who already provides supplies to Juvenile Justice and the Dept of Corrective Services and may have an interest in future contracts through Northern Pathways. Tania Williams as a TAFE employee has already through her work been speaking with Serco as a member of the Northern Pathways consortium to identify training opportunities/ contracts for training future employees
3.	What we are hearing from the community?	Margaret Harvie (MH) – discussed the change in agenda, and the request in advance and at the start of the meeting to get feedback on what is being heard from the community about the project. Liz Fairweather (LF) – raised the concern heard by the Clarence Valley Council Social planning team from the community regarding the impact of families of the inmates visiting and residing in the area. Concern is about possible increase in crime rate due to visitors and different types of people coming to live in the area. Peter McIntosh (PMc) – Serco representatives had discussed this matter with the Grafton Police during preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement. Police advised that Grafton has had a prison for many years and did not report statistics to indicate increased crime attributed to people visiting the existing Grafton Prison. Serco stated that they expect the experience of the Clarence Correctional Centre will be no different however relationships with the wider justice sector will be maintained to help mitigate concerns.

		<p>Action: <i>Tiffany Jones (TJ) to provide a response for Clarence Valley Council Social Planning team based on information from EIS (Environmental Impact Statement). Also, to establish if the EIS requires ongoing measurement of the social impacts using the baseline that was established as part of the Social Impact Assessment for the EIA.</i></p> <p>Tania Williams (TW) – believes it would be good to get a better understanding of the situation and perhaps it is an opportunity for a study on any resulting impacts.</p> <p>Martin Oates (MO) – indicated that there was excitement about the permanent job opportunities but concern that jobs are being sourced from Coffs Harbour and regions outside the Clarence Valley Council Local Government Area.</p> <p>Paul Cassel (PC) – indicated that the local employment is 37% of the workforce at present.</p> <p>Julie Perkins (JP) – Continuing concern as per the previous issue raised with the process for Aboriginal identification for employment. Aboriginal identification is an ongoing concern for the community in many situations in addition to a being a concern related to employment for the Clarence Correctional Centre.</p> <p>Action: <i>New Aboriginal Project Support Officer appointed under the Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program is to attend and present to the next CCC meeting.</i></p> <p>Sharon Lee Todd (SLT) – There is concern about Eight Mile Lane and the number of trucks. It was noted that the road condition had improved with recent works by Pac Complete. What she was hearing from the community was concern about road use and conditions.</p> <p>Geoffrey Jones (GJ) – Had heard supportive comments from the community regarding the eight-mile lane “Thank God, something is being done”. Also, in response to LF’s comment on the concern around the visiting families he felt that if there is data that indicates no increase in the crime rate he does not consider that there would be a major issue in the community.</p> <p>The issue of the growing vegetation on the Glenugie Creek and poor line of sight on the side of the bridge is continuing and yet to be fixed. While slashing has been done on the corners it is still difficult to see cars or light vehicles coming from the north.</p> <p>Also made reference to contact with Kiara Neasy in relation to power lines.</p> <p>Action: <i>RMS will investigate and will coordinate action on the vegetation issue with TJ and provide an update at the next meeting, GJ to be informed of progress of any action.</i></p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p>Pacific Highway Upgrade - Woolgoolga to Ballina Presentation on the progress of this project and the interface between work on the Clarence Correctional Centre and the Pacific Highway upgrade.</p>	<p>Kerri Trevaskis - Comms and Stakeholder Lead Woolgoolga to Ballina – Pac Complete and Steven Alford Project Manager, Glenugie Link, Woolgoolga to Ballina – Pac Complete gave an overview of the work on Portion A of Woolgoolga to Ballina section for the Pacific Highway Upgrade.</p> <p>TW - Question regarding Jobs Roadshow, is the interest is still high compare to 6 months ago? Answer – there is a drop in attendees in Ballina but there is still interest in particular in labouring jobs.</p> <p>Adam Wood (AW) - RMS representative for Portion A of Pac Complete provided detail of the recently changed design to the alignment of Glenugie and Eight Mile interchanges, and how this would affect the local road network (Eight Mile Lane, Avenue Road and Wooli Road) both during construction and in operation.</p> <p>GJ – Sought clarification on the alignment, commented that it’s a big change and that the design is good and sounds better than previous versions.</p> <p>SLT – Question - When is Eight Mile Lane going to be fully operational with the overpass being completed? Answer – target completion date is June or July 2019. SLT Indicated that she was glad that it’s not that far off as it will minimise the stress in the community from the traffic issues.</p> <p>Adam when on to Advised the CCC that during the construction period traffic it is going to be busy on the local road network.</p> <p>GJ – indicated that he felt the community is more concerned about the condition of the road than the traffic</p> <p>SLT – There is still a need for guide posts to be replaced and this is an ongoing safety concern especially now that we are close to winter, and daylight hours are shorter.</p> <p>Action: Pac Complete will investigate the need for guide post replacement.</p> <p>Discussion continued about the issue of maintenance of local roads as raised at the last meeting. John Holland reiterated advice post the last meeting that road maintenance requests should be first reported to Clarence Valley Council. From Council they are then directed to Pac Complete who do the work on behalf of INSW.</p> <p>Speed limits on Eight Mile Lane, between Pacific highway and Avenue Road will be reduced to 80 or 60 kph and some sections 40 kph with the capacity to move it to 60 kph. Reductions in speed will follow the completion of line markings.</p> <p>JP – provided the Pac Complete team with the feedback she was hearing from the Aboriginal community and TAFE about the lack of opportunities for this community. She suggested that more information should be released on jobs and training.</p> <p>She also noted that there was a NSW Parliamentary Enquiry being held in Grafton soon.</p> <p>Pac Complete noted that their success stories should be made public.</p>
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5.	<p>Update of Road and utilities upgrade Upgrade of Avenue road New water pipe connection Telecoms Power route</p>	<p>Kiara Neasy (KN) Communications and Stakeholder Manager for Infrastructure NSW indicated that heavy vehicle counts are taking place to determine the use of the road between Pac Complete and the Clarence Correctional Centre vehicles – this will help INSW allocate contributions for road maintenance between the two projects.</p> <p>She discussed the Avenue Road upgrade which is now complete.</p> <p>The water pipe has been turned on and is connected to the site, there had been a few issues but INSW are working on these. Power Lines easement negotiations are ongoing.</p> <p>SLT – Asked about the completion of the telecommunications. KN indicated that it will be completed soon.</p>
6.	<p>Project Planning – Contract Progress Significant activities</p>	<p>Michael Cramb (MC) - discussed the current progress and the current structure that is now visible on site, also mentioned the target delivery for the project as March 2020.</p>
7.	<p>Project Progress – Community, Environment, Safety, Traffic – Update on activities: Sponsorship Opportunities/EOIs Community contact / engagement Complaints Environmental issues and management Safety concerns and management Traffic</p>	<p>TJ – Presented the community engagement and media activities for the last two months, and upcoming engagement planned. She indicated that the Aboriginal identification issue has been discussed at recent Yarning Circle.</p> <p>JP – Aboriginal identification is an ongoing issue, Northern Pathways needs to be the benchmark for Aboriginality requirements. This may not resolve the issue but perhaps we can work to meet the expectation.</p> <p>Imogene Gardiner (IG)– Presented the campaign by Northern Pathways and John Laing Charitable Trust to seek Expressions of Interest for sponsorship. This offers donation in kind or cash depending on the proposal. The focus is on programs that will provide a lasting impact.</p> <p>There was a request that the committee spread the word about this sponsorship to the local community.</p> <p>Discussion on possible programs - given suicide rate of Clarence Valley - mental health and homelessness, New School of Arts may have program to be considered might include facilities and construction.</p> <p>TJ - Complaints – all previous complaints are closed out. A complaint raised today (9/4) was from a landowner who is concerned with the amount of water being discharged from the detention basins. JH will continue to have discussion with this land holder and investigate the issues. Discharges are currently in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) license requirements.</p> <p>TJ - John Holland local contributions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • direct purchase orders to local businesses of \$9m. • Employment - Total inductions 867 as of 5 April 2018. Local employment is 36%, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) = 4.9%

		<p>Action: Local participation and Aboriginal engagement statistics are to be made available on the Northern Pathways website</p> <p>TJ – Safety and environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - one minor environmental incident was reported to the EPA, no action was taken - no safety incidents reported. <p>Action -</p> <p><i>ISLP on the PPT means -Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program – it is requested that this and other acronyms be spelled out in full in information presented to the CCC.</i></p> <p><i>Date to be arranged to attend Yamba Markets.</i></p>
8.	<p>Construction look ahead Future activity in the coming 3 months</p>	<p>PC – Construction update. Aerial photos showing progress were presented.</p> <p>The Stage 2 work has commenced and is making good progress. The design of the centre is progressing with 27 of the 64 building designs submitted. Deep infrastructure is ongoing and is ahead of program, building platform and in-ground services preparation is also ahead of program.</p> <p>Building of ground slabs across the site have commenced, Pre-casting facility is being finalised.</p> <p>The community can expect more traffic and truck deliveries in the coming months.</p> <p>By the end of June, bulk earthworks and the electrical component of the in-ground services will be complete. Building pads for 11 more buildings will be complete so that ground slabs can be poured.</p> <p>The construction of the prototypes for single and double cells will commence in April, with the prototypes cast mid-May to mid-June with the fitted out and completed cells available for end of June to mid-July. The male maximum outer security precast panel fence installation will start by the end of April. Buffer zone landscaping to the north, east and south of the site will also commence. Building formation will also continue, with a number of flat panel precast structures starting to emerge from the ground.</p> <p>MH suggested it may be time for a site visit for the CCC members.</p> <p>Action: Site visit to be scheduled for the meeting after the next one (August - in 4 months' time). It was noted that the meeting would need to be slightly earlier in the day to accommodate the constraints of diminished daylight hours.</p>
9.	<p>Operations Update</p>	<p>PMc – Discussed the recruitment plans and start date for recruitment around Q3 of 2019.</p> <p>Action: Operation update to be earlier in the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion on the concern about the skill drain in filling roles leaving gaps in other places such as Council and Hospitals. Need for attention</p>

		<p>to strategies to attract skilled workers to the local area. There is competition from other region, need to benchmark of salaries and attention to how available roles are advertised.</p> <p>Action: <i>update the link from the New Pathways website to the Serco website for people interested in operational jobs.</i></p>
11.	<p>Round the table with final questions/ comments</p>	<p>JP – will confirm the date for the NSW Parliament Enquiry (<i>Following the meeting this was confirmed as being held in Grafton on 26 June 2018 and is on Drug and Alcohol services and the connection to incarceration/ incident of crime for Aboriginal people</i>).</p> <p>MH –reminded everyone that she can be contacted anytime.</p> <p>Following the next meeting a formal review will be conducted with the Chairperson making calls to all members to determined how people are feeling about the CCC meetings and their role. This is just ahead of the group having been meeting for one year.</p>
10.	<p>Future meetings</p>	<p>Agreement with the date of next meeting 4.00pm Monday 18 June 2018</p>
12.	<p>Close</p>	<p>Meeting Finished at 6:10 pm</p>