

Design workshop #1 meeting statement

A new and collaborative process is providing a unique opportunity for a panel of independent industry experts to actively work with local community members on the design of the Berry bridge and Berry northern interchange. This is part of the community review group's agreed way forward to address community concerns for the design.

The first workshop was held on 27 October with a final workshop scheduled for 7 November. A report outlining the workshops outcomes will be published in late November.

This workshop started with establishing the group's expectations for this process. Participants agreed that they are working to develop:

- the lowest possible bridge height
- a solution on how to address the interchange at the northern end of the bypass.

It was agreed to focus on minimising aesthetic, noise and environmental impacts, as well as providing a value for money solution.

Discussions were on assessment criteria, physical boundaries and bridge design options including:

- possibilities for reducing the median separation
- bridge aesthetics including possible use of two narrower parallel bridges in place of one wider bridge, and alternative bridge spans and configurations
- exploring designs to allow for the future provision of a third lane on the bridge
- noise barrier options
- low grade road levels to reduce truck braking noise
- ways to reduce the slope of the banks in the cutting
- flooding considerations and opportunities to enhance mitigation

Previous bridge and interchange options were reviewed and refinements were identified.

Actions were taken from the day to investigate the feasibility of implementing the refinements to the proposed options.

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