

Minutes

Coxs River Road – Advisory Group Meeting

Chair	Alistair Lunn, Director West (AL)
Attendees	<p>Transport for NSW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Van Bardzhamian (VB)• Sivapatham Aruneswaran (Arun - SA)• Kate Walsh (KW)• Leigh Trevitt (LT)• Matthew Davis (MD)• Emma Wales (EW)• Lily Gillogly (LG)• Jackie Barry (JB) <p>Ertech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shane Cahill (SC)• Wendy Carlson (WC) <p>Community Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Deiley (CD)• Ramsay Moodie (RM)• Susie Moodie (SM)• David Harris (DH)
Apologies	NA
Conflict of Interest Declarations	- No formal conflicts of interests to declare in the room or online.
Endorsement of minutes from previous meeting	NA
Items	
Item 1: Landscape Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landscaping completed in three stages. Stage 1 beginning start of 2024, stage 3 to start mid-2024, stage 4 to commence late 2024.• Question: no stage 2? Stage 2 and Stage 3 are combined.

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- SM: Remaining banksia, is this remaining?
 - SA: clarified it is likely to go.

Item 2:
Planting Palette

(Reference no. for paper)

- Species to be reproporionated.
- Exploring plant options – what is available at the time required.
- RM: surprised there are no ashes or acacia (robinia?) in the planting palette.
- LT: TfNSW has been advised not to use the acacia, not suitable in current maintenance schedule.
- SM: Will Lithgow community nursery do any propagation for TfNSW
- LT: yes, although they operate on a smaller scale.
- SM : given we have horticulturalist - would TfNSW be able to liaise with them regarding species used
- LT: most of the TfNSW area are under management, TfNSW happy to receive feedback. Require understanding of difference between Landscape and garden.
- SM: Will TfNSW provide a 3D landscape design
- AL: There is no funding to produce a 3D design: there are montages in the REF can be shared.
- CD: Noise mitigation, how much consideration was given into numbers, placement of species
- LT: Those factors are considered through arrangement of trees. Species chosen carefully ornamental and native trees. Narrow sections replaced with scrubs where trees can't fit. All sorts of factors considered when choosing plants.
- 94300 total plant quantity, endemic seed collection and propagation program.
- SM: are they being propagated to same climate as CRR
- LT: propagated in Western Sydney Nursery, acclimatised before replanting in Hartley.

Item 3:
Tie-in update

(Reference no. for paper)

- AL: Tie in at western end of Coxs River Road is going ahead.
- SA: strategic design completed for western tie-in. Designs shown. Dual east bound lanes from Hartley Historic village to be extended into the western tie-in of the new alignment and continue to east of Coxs River Road.
- RM: will there be a dedicated right turn bay into Mid Hartley Road?
- SA: The existing right turn lane will be retained..
- SM: What will be the access for people like at western end near the cemetery

- SA: They can use the proposed slip road to access their property when coming from west. To travel west they will need to use connecting road at Coxs River Road. Signs will be in place to advise traffic of no through access on service road heading west.
- SA: Final design likely early March, works commence June/July?
- AL: Good outcome, solutions raised from community have been resolved – new design that works for everybody.
- CD: How long is it expected to take? Will there be loss of access to businesses?
- AL: Work will be completed within the two-year period, will open with rest of the project.
- Discussion surrounding need for no entry one way sign at access from Browns Gap Road
- SM: asked for clarification that 60 km/h speed limit on the road – trucks allowed through road (standard semi-trailers allowed on road) general access.
- AL: confirmed that same types of heavy vehicles as currently use, but at slower speed limit.
- RM: Can vehicles coming down Browns Gap Road enter the hard stand area at Hartley Fresh? Believes it will need a no entry sign.
- AL: thanks to the community for input – it is a great outcome

Item 4:
Ertech – Up-coming works

Construction plans and mitigations

- 3 month look ahead (more detail in slide)
- Coxs River Road overbridge – girders to be installed 18-19 December
- The bridge approaches will continue to be built up in the first quarter of 2024 and we expect that traffic will be driving over the new bridge in April/May 2024 weather permitting.
- SM: concerns about trucks accessing truck stop and light vehicles reversing out of parking as it is close to truck access path
- AL: reminder that it is a small café, will operate like any other car park
- SA: In conjunction with property acquisition, there was extensive consultation with the café owners and TfNSW around a “like-for-like” meaning the current hardstand area is the same size it was previously.
- SC: Browns Gap Road to be finished by Christmas
- SM: road levels – drop off from current highway / future service road to the Hartley Fresh car park.
- Action: team to investigate levelling the transition from road to car park

- SM: Construction signage at Hartley Fresh exit - if you're in a low-lying car it is difficult to see traffic approaching from the east.
- RM: Can Transport consider dropping speed limit round Browns Gap Road.
- Action: investigate dropping speed limit, particularly over xmas shutdown.
- SM: Radio reception along the driveway is bad, can that be addressed?
- AL: Clarified whether AM or FM. Powerlines can interfere with AM radio.
- RM: Any consideration to using Eucalyptus denia - mountain blue gum
- LT: Not on list for this project but could be looked at - make sure it has right fit for project.
- SM: What help can we offer person living across from new Hartley Fresh exit who has recently built and was not aware of the Truckstop being built - wants to know if there could be any noise mitigation.

**Item 5:
Actions**

- 20231128 Action: Matt to supply landscaping montages from REF to representatives
- 20231128 Action: Transport to investigate No Entry sign coming from Browns Gap Road into Hartley Fresh hardstand area.
Transport to investigate. However, hardstand to be used as interim access for West-bound vehicles to the café.
- 20231128 Action: Noise Studies on residential property across from new exit from Hartley Fresh
Project team to investigate.
- 20231128 Action: team to investigate levelling the transition from road to car park
Project team is liaising with owner / operator of Hartley Fresh Café regarding the transition.
- 20231128 Action: Re-examine the speed limit at this section to ensure safety, particularly over Christmas shutdown.
Project team has examined and the speed will remain 80km over the Christmas shutdown

**Item 5:
Further discussion – next meeting**

- AL : Landscape, slip road and Browns Gap Road - Feb topics
- KW: encouraged members to discuss construction impacts and mitigation measures with their community contacts.

Next meeting

- 12:30 – 2pm Tuesday 27 February, online
- 12:30 – 2pm Tuesday 28 March, online