



# Community dialogue - meeting #11

## Hi-Quality – Bulla Spoil Processing Facility

### Meeting details

*Date:* 7 December 2021, 5.00pm to 6.30pm

*Venue:* Online (via Zoom)

*Attendees:*

<b>Community representatives</b>	
Anthony White	Controller, Sunbury SES
Chris O’Neill	No Toxic Soil Campaign
Graham Williams	Sunbury Residents Association
Heather Dodd	Local resident
Michael Osborne	Sunbury Business Association

<b>Project representatives</b>	
Amy Watson	Partner, Forge Communications (Hi-Quality)
Lance Ingrams	Regional Manager, Victoria, Hi-Quality Group

<b>Facilitator</b>	
Todd Beavis	Founder and Principal, i.e. community

### Purpose

The meeting was held to continue the dialogue between Hi-Quality and community representatives in relation to the establishment of the Bulla Spoil Processing Facility to collect, treat and dispose of material from the tunnel boring machines on the West Gate Tunnel Project.



## Agenda

Item	Discussion lead
Actions from last meeting	Todd
Construction update	Lance
Next steps on the community dialogue	Todd
Upcoming engagement activities	Todd
Next year	Todd

## Actions from last meeting

**Action:** Hi-Quality to provide updates on risk and safety assessments for use of the secondary entrance and the condition of the entrance.

- Lance advised that risk assessments had been undertaken by the major building contractors and it has been confirmed that the entrance should primarily be used for light vehicles. He advised that if there continued to be breaches, with unauthorised vehicles using the entrance, the use of the gate may be restricted further.

**Action:** Department of Transport to provide a briefing on the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) once approved, along with the assessment of Bulla Bridge, with copies of both documents being provided.

- Lance advised that the draft TMP is still being worked through by the project parties.
- Community representatives asked why it is being lodged by Hi-Quality, when accountability for the trucks sits with the CPB John Holland Joint Venture (JV).
- Lance advised that it is a requirement under the Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) and that, while accountability for roads and transport primarily sits with the Department of Transport and the JV, Hi-Quality is one of the responsible parties for the development of the TMP.
- Community representatives responded, saying they found the accountabilities between the project parties around the TMP and the transport of the material from the tunnel difficult to understand. This doesn't give them confidence in how the transport will be managed, as it creates the opportunity for project parties to pass the buck.

**Action:** Hi-Quality to share the engagement report provided as part of the PSA approvals process.

- The engagement report was sent to participants prior to the meeting.



**Action:** Hi-Quality to enquire about holding a pop-up at Bunnings.

- Todd advised that inquiries had been made with the activities coordinator at Sunbury Bunnings, who had advised that we would not be able to hold a pop-up at the store.

## Construction update

- Lance advised that the traffic lights at the entrance to the facility would be installed before the end of the year. They will operate on generators for the first few months, as it will take some time to have the mains power connected. He advised that the date they would be operational was yet to be confirmed.
- A community representative asked if they would operate on a set timer or sensors. Lance advised that he would need to find out.

*Further information was provided following the meeting: The traffic lights at the entrance of the site are 'vehicle actuated,' so they only change if they are triggered by a vehicle waiting to exit to site or waiting to turn in off Sunbury Road. Loops will be installed into the road to identify if there is a vehicle waiting to make sure they're not changing unnecessarily. The length of the cycle is determined by how many trucks/vehicles are waiting, and there is a maximum time they can stay red for. The timing for the lights is not locked in. Once up and running, the operation of the lights will be trialled and reviewed in response to traffic conditions.*

- Good progress is being made on the processing area, including the construction of the pre-treatment ponds, and that the builders are on schedule to finish the first 25 bays by the end of January. He advised that ongoing rain had caused issues with the works, however, with the commencement of night works they had managed to make up for much of the lost time.
- He advised that the bund (the earthen barrier along Sunbury Road) was completed last week and that it would start to be seeded with grasses in the next week or two.
- Construction of the water treatment plant had been completed, with works continuing to connect it to the rest of the infrastructure. The tanks will be delivered early next week and the plant is expected to be operational ahead of schedule. He noted that there would also be a delay connecting power to the water treatment plant and that it would operate on generators for the first few months.
- The construction of the containment cell is ahead of schedule, with it being about 80% lined. Stage one would be completed around May.
- Amy advised that Hi-Quality is developing further information, including an explainer video, on the water treatment process given that the community are keen to understand how the PFAS will be removed and this is the most complex part of the treatment process. She asked the group if there are specific questions or information they think should be included to let us know.
- The commencement of night works was discussed, with a community representative expressing concern that they had not been communicated in the construction update at the last meeting. Lance advised they had not been communicated as they were not planned at the date of the last meeting. The decision to commence nightworks was made following the last meeting. He advised that noise monitoring had been undertaken to ensure that the works were within the required guidelines and that no concerns had been raised to date.



## **Next steps on the community dialogue**

- Todd advised that a draft Terms of Reference (TOR) had been prepared for consideration by the community representatives, noting that the input from the last meeting had been taken into account. He then stepped the group through the draft on screen.
- Initial feedback from the group was that they were broadly in line with what they expected, however, they are keen to review in more detail before providing feedback.
- He advised that the draft TOR would be sent out following the meeting and asked if feedback could be provided before the next meeting, so they could be discussed and finalised at the January meeting.

## **Upcoming engagement activities**

- Todd confirmed that the Hi-Quality would be holding a community pop-up at Sunbury Village Market this Saturday (11 December) and that the State Government would also be in attendance to talk about the local Victorian Big Build projects, including the Sunbury Road Upgrade and Bulla Bypass. This would be followed by a pop-up at Sunbury Square in January.
- Community representatives said that it was a shame that the pop-ups had not been more broadly communicated as there is strong interest in the community to hear from the government on major projects impacting the community.
- Amy advised that Hi-Quality is still working with the other project parties to deliver increased communication and engagement in the lead up to the commencement of operations, as discussed at previous meetings. She asked the Dialogue members to let us know if there are particular issues or channels they think should be considered in our planning.
- Community representatives requested that they be informed as soon as possible if the contract is signed with the JV ahead of the next meeting.

## **Agreed actions**

- Community representatives to provide information, questions or channels for consideration as part of communication and engagement planning in the lead up to commencement of operations.
- Draft Terms of Reference to be sent to participants for feedback.
- Hi-Quality to inform the community representatives of signing of the contract with the JV as early as possible.

## **Next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 19 January.