Regional Manager's weekly update

It was good meeting some of you on 30 April 2012 at the Berry School of Arts at our regular Q & A session on the southern Berry bypass review. This provided a great opportunity to explain the updated review process and get feedback from the community.

Reflecting on last night's discussion, there was one issue raised that has really resonated with me in relation to the role of the independent reviewer within the TIG process. The question was framed in terms of 'seeking to understand what the independent reviewers have done thus far and how active they have been in terms of questioning, debating and raising issues with the TIG'.

To be honest I don't feel I answered this well, so to be clear I would like to state;

The independent reviewers have been undertaking exactly this role within the TIG but unfortunately to date, we haven't written our TIG minutes in this way and therefore you (the community) have not been able to see this activity. We will address this from now on by having the TIG minutes published in a way that identifies the topics being questioned and driven by the independent review team.

Lastly, while we can't go back and redraft the minutes from previous TIG meetings, we can clarify the work the independent review team have done to date. To that end I have asked them to draft a précis of their conversations with the TIG and this will be published next Tuesday.

As we discussed last night, your input is welcome and we will consider any cost related issues for the review, so please contact us.

Please note that we will be uploading meeting notes from the Q & A session on 30 April 2012 next Tuesday, 8 May 2012.

RMS will continue updating the website every Tuesday.

Today’s update includes:

- Progress of the technical investigations into southern Berry bypass review.
- An updated map showing the southern Berry bypass route.
- New meeting notes from the Technical Investigation Group (TIG) who are continually analysing and reviewing the details of the cost comparison process, ensuring community input is given careful consideration.
- Other notes from meetings held with the community over the past week.

I also recommend viewing some of the updates from last week, including:

- A new 'process map' outlining the milestones and what RMS plans to achieve over the next few weeks for the southern Berry bypass review.
- An updated issues and actions register which now includes outcomes, so we can start updating you on the close out of issues.
- A new bypass fact sheet explaining the independence of the southern Berry review process.

Thank you for your interest in this important project for the South Coast.

Yours sincerely
Brad Turner
Regional Manager
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