Regional Manager's weekly update

The bypass review process has been one of RMS's most collaborative and engaged projects we have undertaken in the South Coast. Read more >>

There are many people who I would like to acknowledge including all the members of our northern route working groups, everyone who made a submission for us to consider, those who spoke with us about process and transparency, and the property owners along the southern route. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Bruce Ramsay who, with assistance from Stuart Coughlan has used his years of engineering experience to challenge and add to our work – around both the northern and southern routes.

In concluding the southern bypass review part of the project, we are changing our web updates from weekly to monthly and they will come from the project team rather than myself. This does not of course mean that I won’t still be keeping a watchful eye over all the activities.

Our commitment to transparency remains and so we will continue our practice of publishing community enquiries and information on the website for all to see. Future web updates will occur on the third Tuesday of every month. The project office will remain open on each Friday from 10am to 5pm.

Included in this week's web update are:

- Overview of the Victoria Street origin-destination surveys traffic presentation;
- Minutes from a meeting between RMS and Bruce Ramsay and Stuart Coughlan regarding the RMS southern suggestion investigations;
- Updated environmental assessment flow chart; and

I also recommend taking a look at some of the updates from last week, including:

- Community questions and answers following the Minister’s route decision announcement on 25 June 2012, including those from the community meeting on 3 July 2012;
- An updated meeting register;
- An issues analysis table of remaining concerns as expressed by the proponents of the original southern suggestion, including actions identified to close these (this has been updated this week in response to their further queries); and
- Additional responses made to these members of the community.
I hope that everyone will continue their engagement with the development of the design of the Foxground and Berry bypass as we now move through the environmental assessment phase.

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