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15 December 2023

Consultation Notes – Gatton–Clifton Road, Mount Whitestone business case (Project ID 2632962)

Meeting date: 15 December 2023, 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Meeting location: personal information

Property: personal information

Property owner(s) present: personal information

Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) representatives present:

- Dean Kibble (DK), Project Manager Planning
- Alex Kennedy (AK), Communications Officer
- Craig Heslehurst (CH), Senior Property Officer

Apologies: n/a

Meeting purpose:

To discuss potential re-alignment options for Gatton–Clifton Road as part of the Mount Whitestone business case with potentially impacted property owners in the study area.

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Figure 1: options

Meeting notes:

- DK shared the short-list of options to realign Gatton-Clifton Road (Figure 1). T&DH' property is not impacted (land requirement) by any of the short-listed realignment options.
- **per** disagrees that their property is not impacted.
- AK explained that 'property impacts' refers to land requirement for the transport corridor eg. eventual resumption but acknowledged that all options have impacts to their home / property from moving a busy road closer. We are consulting to understand potential impacts and property owner preferences.
- From the previous meeting TMR project officers understood that **perso** would prefer an option that crossed their property and **han** than the proposed options so that their property might be resumed. T&DH said that they would not want to live in their current location if Gatton-Clifton Road **Refuse Sch. 4, Part 4, s.4(1)(b) Disclosing deliberative processes**
- DK explained why it is not feasible for an alignment to go through their property, including the significant grade, proximity to the active area and the land on the eastern side of Ma Ma Creek to which the road / bridge would connect is on an old landslip which is unsuitable for building roads and bridges.
- **R** **pe** was most concerned about the impacts from realignment option A, which proposes to **Refuse Sch. 4, Part 4, s.4(1)(b) Disclosing deliberative processes** and the potential impacts on their property and home during construction and operation if Gatton-Clifton Road **Refuse Sch. 4, Part 4, s.4(1)(b) Disclosing deliberative processes**
- **per** shared that they would be seeking to object to option A being selected as the preferred realignment option.
- DK explained that the purpose of consultation is seeking property owner feedback to help inform the prioritisation of the short-listed options. And **perso** preference and reasons will be considered as part of planning.
- **perso** said he would like to seek the advice of a consultant and generate a formal submission regarding the impacts from the realignment options, particularly option A, and asked for a copy of the consultation plans.
- CH explained that we do not provide a copy of the consultation plans.
- **per** took a photo of the consultation plans.
- AK explained that **pe** could explain to a consultant for the purpose of developing a submission that option A could be described as relocating Gatton-Clifton Road **Refuse Sch. 4, Part 4, s.4(1)(b) Disclosing deliberative processes** but as more detailed designs are not yet developed it would still be general rather than detailed feedback. All options have impacts. We are gathering property owner's general feedback on the options and testing our assumptions about property owner implications with each alignment, to help inform the prioritisation of the options. AK suggested it may be too early in the process to develop a detailed written submission.
- AK suggested that the project is required to investigate noise impacts, and that DK and AK would endeavour to share the specific requirement for noise modelling/investigations during this stage of planning – understanding that more detailed noise modelling is more likely undertaken in later phases of a project, if/when there is funding for detailed design/construction – to inform/avoid **per** having to complete (pay for) work independently that is intended to be undertaken as part of the project.
- **pe** explained he did not wish to miss his opportunity to influence the realignment option selection and intended to develop / submit their objection.
- AK acknowledged TH preference to avoid option A, and desire to provide more information / reasons for TMR not to progress that option.
- CH explained the planning process and corridor protection generally.

- DK explained that TMR is still (more enthusiastically) investigating options to maintain Gatton-Clifton Road on its existing alignment.
- DK explained that TMR will be using property owner feedback and other investigations to prioritise the realignment options, and following more detailed investigations on options for the existing alignment will be engaging with property owners again, aiming for Easter time. At least to contact and provide a project update.
- AK reiterated TMR would investigate and provide further details to TH on the requirements for noise modelling as part of the business case.
- DK invited perso to contact us anytime with any further questions or feedback about the project.

Follow up actions (TMR):

- Provide details of the noise modelling / investigation required in the business case / planning phase.
- Meet again in 2024, potentially around Easter time, to provide update of project progress.

Contact:

Alex Kennedy

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Alex Kennedy

Subject: Meeting with personal information
Location: personal information

Start: Fri 15/12/2023 2:30 PM
End: Fri 15/12/2023 3:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Alex Kennedy
Required Attendees: Dean L Kibble
Optional Attendees: Craig W Heslehurst

Categories: SQR

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Craig, FYI there is no land requirement on this property from any of the options – so you could skip this meeting. 😊

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Summary / heat map of property owner sentiment re the project, options and their issues

Name and Property	Sentiment	Option A – Blue (3B)	Option B – Magenta (4A)	Option C – Green (10A)	Issues
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• Prefer to be resumed

• Objects

• Objects

• Objects

• Proximity to home (amenity, noise, dust, light)

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Summary / heat map of infrastructure on each property and potential impact from each realignment option

Name and Property	Infrastructure	Option A – Blue (3B)	Option B – Magenta (4A)	Option C – Green (10A)
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- House
- Development opportunity

• Proximity to home 50m

• Proximity to home 300m

• Proximity to home 300m

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	Any realignment they want out (not much sentiment to the 4 property)	Any realignment they want out (not much sentiment to the 4 property)	Any realignment they want out (not much sentiment to the 4 property)
sentiment Resumption Implications	0	0	0
Infrastructure in place	0	0	0

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Property	Proposed route	Round 1 community meeting	Round 1 personal meeting	Round 2 personal meeting	Sentiment about keeping GCR open	Sentiment about the option (support, neutral, object)	Sentiment reason (few words to explain sentiment)	Option preference (3,2,1)	Land requirement (no impact, minimal, major, whole property)	Property area (ha)	Impacts a home/house	Alignment is close to the home/house on this property (impacts, amenity, noise, dust and so on) - distance (m)	Impacts high value farming land	Impacts farming infrastructure (sheds, yards etc)	Impacts a bore, well or dam	Impacts other infrastructure	Impacts access to infrastructure / irrigation infrastructure	Property access impacts	Impacts on property functionality (self-sufficiency)
2SP255667	Option A - Blue (3B)	18/10/2023	20/10/2023	15/12/2023	Neutral	Object	Proximity to home, reduced amenity and property value	3	No impact	3.61	n/a	50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No	n/a
2SP255667	Option B - Magenta (4A)	18/10/2023	20/10/2023	15/12/2023	Neutral	Object	Option less impactful	2	No impact	3.61	n/a	300	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No	n/a
2SP255667	Option C - Green (10A)	18/10/2023	20/10/2023	15/12/2023	Neutral	Object	Option less impactful	2	No impact	3.61	n/a	300	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No	n/a
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Catherine M Scruton

From: PDO Correspondence
Sent: Thursday, 4 January 2024 12:07 PM
To: personal information
Subject: MC142585 - Correspondence from the Department of Transport and Main Roads
Attachments: MC142585_Response.pdf

Good Afternoon

Please find attached correspondence from Ms Ann-Maree Knox, General Manager (Program Delivery and Operations), Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Kind Regards

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Our ref MC142585



4 January 2024

Department of
Transport and Main Roads

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Dear personal infor

I refer to your email of 16 December 2023 to the former Minister Mark Bailey MP, and your email of 19 December 2023 to the Honourable Bart Mellish MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services, about the Gattor–Clifton Road realignment planning project, Mount Whitestone. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf.

Thank you for raising your concerns regarding community engagement and your desire to provide a formal submission to be considered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) as part of the alignment option evaluation process.

I am advised investigations are progressing with a short-list of options, and feedback is being sought from key stakeholders and potentially impacted property owners to inform the assessment and prioritisation process.

All feedback is welcome and may be submitted in your preferred format. Please forward written submissions to DownsSWR.Office@tmr.qld.gov.au or Locked Bag 1, Warwick Queensland 4370.

I understand that investigations are preliminary, and realignment options are conceptual for the purpose of gaining insight into the broader potential impacts and costs. TMR will continue to engage with the community as investigations into preferred option/s progress.

I can further advise the business case is due to be completed in June 2025.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

NR

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From: [TMR DLO](#)
To: [MCS Executive Services](#)
Subject: MC142585 - JG_18/12: Gatton-Clifton Road Realignment Planning, Mount Whitestone
Date: Monday, 18 December 2023 3:51:50 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

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GM response

Kind regards

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From: Transport and Main Roads <TransportandMainRoads@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 3:47 PM

To: TMR DLO <TMR_DLO@tmr.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Gatton-Clifton Road Realignment Planning, Mount Whitestone

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Thanks

Matt Swan

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Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2023 9:18 AM

To: Transport and Main Roads <TransportandMainRoads@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Gatton-Clifton Road Realignment Planning, Mount Whitestone

To The Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services

Dear Minister,

I write to express my anxiety and frustration with aspects of the community engagement exercise currently being undertaken by officers of your department with respect to the "Gatton-Clifton Road Realignment Planning, Mount Whitestone" project within the Locker Valley local council area.

While I completely accept that the Department has a responsibility to ensure the integrity of its road network assets and that the Gatton-Clifton road at Mount Whitestone poses some significant road integrity challenges, the way the Department and its officers engage with affected communities is a very serious matter.

By way of background, the Department is currently developing a business case (Investment ID 2632962) to identify a new permanent alignment to the Gatton-Clifton Road to address a large and slow-moving landslide at Mount Whitestone.

The Department has undertaken a public forum and two rounds of individual landholder consultation that I am aware of concerning the landslide. On Friday, I was briefed by three officers from the department on three potential road realignment options they are evaluating as part of the business case.

While I accept there are sound reasons for each of the realignments at a superficial level, I am concerned that there appears to be no formal process or opportunity for affected residents such as myself to provide formal submissions and have them considered by the Department as part of the alignment option evaluation process.

While the department officers are happy to receive verbal feedback on the alignment options from affected residents, they confirmed that there is no opportunity for written submissions to be provided or considered in the evaluation of the realignment options.

This runs counter to my understanding of meaningful community engagement, which ensures that those affected have an opportunity to make consequential contributions to the community engagement process.

"Meaningful" in this context surely means that a layperson such as myself can draw upon subject matter experts, at my own expense, to provide expert advice on the department's realignment options by way of a formal submission and have that submission inform the department's realignment option deliberations.

Unfortunately, the department officers made it clear to me that such an opportunity does not exist in this case, and I find that to be unacceptable.

Of the three realignment options that were presented, Option A passes within meters of my front door and poses a raft of technical, environmental, and social challenges. Being able to put forward

a professionally informed submission that speaks to these matters before any decision on the realignment is made is the minimum I would expect of a government-led community engagement process.

Can the Minister please advise whether residents potentially affected by this realignment will have an opportunity to provide submissions to the Department prior to any decision being made on the preferred alignment option?

Sincerely

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From: TMR DLO
Sent: Tuesday, 2 January 2024 2:41 PM
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Subject: INCOMING CORRO FW: Gatton-Clifton Road Realignment Planning, Mount Whitestone

Please add to MC142585

Kind regards

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From: personal information
Sent: Saturday, 30 December 2023 7:49 AM
To: transportandmainroads@ministerial.qld.gov.au
Subject: Fwd: Gatton-Clifton Road Realignment Planning, Mount Whitestone

Dear Minister,

I appreciate we entered the Xmas/New Year break shortly after my email but I would appreciate your response as soon as possible.

Many thanks

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: personal information
Date: Tue, Dec 19, 2023 at 5:41 PM
Subject: Gatton-Clifton Road Realignment Planning, Mount Whitestone
To: <Aspley@parliament.qld.gov.au>

Dear Minister,

Firstly, congratulations on your appointment to the Transport and Main Roads portfolio, I wish you well in your new role.

I have previously sent an email to your portfolio email account but have yet to receive a response.

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Al Bukva

From: PDO Correspondence
Sent: Friday, 19 January 2024 4:39 PM
To: personal information
Subject: Correspondence from the Department of Transport and Main Roads - MC142743
Attachments: MC142743_signed.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find enclosed correspondence from the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Kind regards,

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Our ref MC142743

Department of
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19 January 2024

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Dear personal in

I refer to your email of 6 January 2024 to the Honourable Bart Mellish MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services, about the Gatton–Clifton Road realignment planning project, Mount Whitestone. The Minister asked that I respond on his behalf.

As noted in previous correspondence and face-to-face meetings, the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) investigations to mitigate the affected, and at-risk section of Gatton–Clifton Road is due to large and slow moving land slips at Mount Whitestone are preliminary, and realignment options are conceptual at this stage.

TMR is undertaking targeted consultation which will inform a business case for this project. The aim of a business case is to investigate and develop a preferred option which considers the transport needs of the community, safety, cost, potential land requirements, impacts on property owners, businesses and the environment. When a business case is completed, the recommendation/s are assessed by the department, and an informed decision is made on how the project may proceed, protect a transport corridor and/or seek investment for design and construction.

In general, TMR does not publicly release detailed options at this early stage of a planning project, for a number of reasons including:

- TMR's [Approved Planning Policy](#) outlines if planning documents are used in external discussions, it is important the owners of the affected land are aware of the planning and its status.
- Concepts developed in planning are likely to change due to a low degree of certainty in the options due to investigations just commencing, as such, if planning documents are made public and subsequently superseded, it may lead to misunderstanding with potential detrimental impacts for property owners and the community.

- As consultation is underway with key stakeholders and potentially impacted property owners, the information shared and discussed is considered sensitive and private.

I am advised that TMR has undertaken face-to-face consultation with property owners at Mount Whitestone and gained valuable insight into potential property impacts and the community concerns that may result from a realignment of Gatton–Clifton Road.


There is no intention to publicly release layouts or details of short-listed realignment options for this project during the business case phase. They have only been shared in private meetings with key stakeholders, and potentially impacted property owners like yourself.

I can assure you that TMR will continue with our targeted consultation so that key feedback informs our investigations. TMR will also seek to consult with you and other potentially affected property owners, before progressing a preferred option to be recommended in the business case.

Please provide any feedback on the information provided during consultation to the Darling Downs communications team at 07 4639 0773, or by email at, DownsSWR.Office@tmr.qld.gov.au or by mail to, Locked Bag 1, Warwick, Queensland 4370.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Ann-Maree Knox

General Manager (Program Delivery and Operations)

Diane Mahon

From: TMR DLO
Sent: Tuesday, 9 January 2024 2:14 PM
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Subject: mv - 9/1 - FW: Gatton-Clifton Road Realignment Planning, Mount Whitestone

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Hi team

GM response and please X ref with MC142585

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 January 2024 2:11 PM
To: TMR DLO <TMR_DLO@tmr.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Elly.Begley@ministerial.qld.gov.au
Subject: FW: Gatton-Clifton Road Realignment Planning, Mount Whitestone

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Thanks



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From: personal information
Sent: Saturday, January 6, 2024 8:44 AM
To: Transport and Main Roads <TransportandMainRoads@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Gatton-Clifton Road Realignment Planning, Mount Whitestone

Dear Minister,

Thank you for initiating a response from your department (Ref: MC142585) to my correspondence of December 19.

With respect, it is disingenuous of TMR to have advised your office that “feedback is being sought from key stakeholders and potentially impacted property owners” when TMR has not released any information regarding the options they are investigating.

In the absence of what I would regard as even a modicum of transparency around their investigative processes, it appears to me that there is a very real possibility that TMR will settle on their preferred route without stakeholders such as myself being afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the routes TMR currently has under investigation.

In order to dispel my concerns and those of my near neighbours who will be impacted to a greater or lesser degree by this decision, would the Minister please advise whether TMR:

1. Will publically release a “short-list of options” for the Gatton-Clifton Road realignment planning project now under consideration prior to any decision being made by TMR as to their preferred route?
2. Provide potentially impacted residents such as myself an opportunity to provide feedback on the short-list of route options once publically released before TMR moves to finalise their preferred route?

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Our ref 450/04569
Contact Alex Kennedy

Department of
Transport and Main Roads

28 September 2023

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Dear property owner(s)

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is planning for a long-term solution to maintain safety, connectivity and accessibility on Gatton–Clifton Road.

There is a large, slow moving landslide at Mount Whitestone affecting Gatton–Clifton Road, resulting in large tension cracks, subsidence and land surface deformation.

TMR is investigating options to change the alignment of Gatton–Clifton Road between Dry Creek Bridge and Ma Ma Creek Bridge to bypass the affected and at-risk section at Mount Whitestone.

We are consulting potentially affected property owners, local residents, the community and other interested stakeholders during planning to inform the prioritisation of potential options.

The property you own at personal information is within the project study area.

Please contact Ms Alex Kennedy, Communications Officer on 4639 0773 or email DownsSWR.Office@tmr.qld.gov.au to arrange a convenient time and place to learn more about the project before **Friday 29 October 2023**.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely



Adam Garvin
Acting District Director (Darling Downs)