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Project	Pacific Highway Upgrading Project - Oxley Highway to Kempsey	From	Melanie Layton (nee Miels)
Subject	Proposed access and interchange arrangements, Blackmans Point Road - Hacks Ferry Road.	Tel	2 9239 7100
Venue/Date/Time	Telegraph Point School of Arts, Tuesday 28 November 2006, 6pm – 8pm.	Job No	21/13305
Copies to	All attendees and Name (Company)		
Attendees	Ron Clapton Jim Dunn James Dunn Chris and Gwenda Van Der Lay Elizabeth Doyle D. Mullens E. O'Neil Lulu Davis Sean McInherny Tony Thorne Denis Cassegrain Michelle Hollis Bronwyn and Wes Vickers Patrick Cassegrain Jane and Matt Snaith Claude Cassegrain Joyce and John Hough Ray Ward Cliff Toms (Port Macquarie Hastings Council) Stephen Williamson (RTA) Christopher Steinbach (RTA) Teneale Boyle (RTA) Peter Steele (GHD) Melanie Layton (GHD)	Apologies	John Cassegrain

**1. Introductions****Action**

Melanie Layton welcomed everyone and introduced the project team and



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representatives.

Melanie provided an overview of the evening's meeting:

- ▶ Present Concept Design Development to Date
- ▶ Present Intersection/Interchange and Access/Service Road Strategy
- ▶ Present Preferred Intersection/Interchange and Access/Service Road Strategy as adopted
- ▶ Provide an Opportunity for the Community to provide feedback and input into the Preferred Strategy
- ▶ Record Input for consideration into Concept Design

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<b>2. Overview of proposed access and interchange arrangements</b>	<b>Action</b>
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Peter Steele provided an overview of key milestones in the project:

- ▶ State and Federal Government Commitment to Upgrade the Pacific Highway
- ▶ Division into Sections – Complete
- ▶ Route Option Identification – Complete
- ▶ Route Options Selection - Complete
- ▶ Preferred Route Selection - Complete
- ▶ Preferred Route Refinement - Complete
- ▶ Project Application under Part 3A - Commencing
- ▶ Concept Design Development – 20% Phase complete/Entering 60% Phase
- ▶ Concept Design Display – 2007
- ▶ Environmental Impact Assessment – Following 2007

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Peter Steele provided an overview of the Access Strategy Development:

Development of Options has been undertaken by the Project Team involving;

- ▶ RTA Technical Officers
- ▶ GHD Traffic Professional
- ▶ GHD Civil Design Professionals
- ▶ Option Identification
- ▶ Option Review
- ▶ Presentation of Options to Council

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Cliff Toms gave an overview of their involvement and position in developing the access / interchange options.

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Council confirmed that their preference at this stage was for Option 2.

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Peter Steele and Stephen Williamson presented a summary of each option:

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**Key features in Map 1:**

Interchange at Blackman's Point Road

- Access to Telegraph Point is via the old highway north of Blackman's Point Road Interchange
- Access to Hastings Rive Drive is via the old Highway and Dennis Bridge

Left in Left out at Sancrox Road and Fernbank Creek Road

- No access north bound from Fernbank Creek Road
- No Access south-bound from Sancrox Road

No Access to the new highway form Glen Ewen Road or from the old highway at Fernbank Creek.

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**Key features in Map 1B:**

As for Option 1, with the addition of a right in left out intersection with the old highway at Fernbank Creek, allowing;

- North-bound traffic to access the old highway;
  - Access south-bound to the new highway from the old highway; and,
  - To facilitate u-turn movements, north-bound to south-bound via a facility on the old highway.
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**Key features in Map 2:**

As for Option 1, with the addition of an overbridge to the south of Sancrox Road and associated service road connections, allowing;

- Access across the highway from Sancrox Road to Fernbank Creek Road and Vice Versa; and,
  - All movements to be executed at Sancrox road via the service road and overbridge.
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**Key features in Map 3:**

As for Option 2 with the addition of;

- A south-bound service road either to the west or the east of the highway, connecting with the Oxley Highway; and,
  - A north-bound service road to the north of Fernbank Creek Road on the eastern side of the highway, connecting with the old
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highway north of Fernbank Creek Road

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**Key features in Map 4:**

Interchange south of Fernbank Creek

Closure of Sancrox and Fernbank Creek Road

- A south bound service road either to the west or the east of the highway, connecting with the Oxley Highway; and,
- A range of potential connections to the east to Fernbank Creek Road or Hastings River Drive

An overbridge just south of Blackmans Point Road allowing traffic on the old highway to continue north/south and to access Blackmans Point Road and Wharf Road.

No access to the new highway at Blackmans point Road

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**3. Small group workshops**

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The group was then broken into three smaller groups. The groups were provided with handouts of the proposed access and interchange arrangements.

Each group was asked three questions:

Q1. What do you like about the proposed access / interchange arrangements?

Q2. What don't you like about the proposed access / interchange arrangements?

Q3. Suggestions?

A representative from each group then presented their feedback to the whole group.

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**Group 1 feedback**

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Q1. What do you like?

Option 1 – None

Option 1B – No answer

Option 2 – Provides alternate movements

Is neat and tidy

Better safety

Ability to be staged and address short-term

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Q2. What don't you like?

Option 1 – Not complete solution – doesn't consider trucks / pedestrian

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access, generally and specifically access to the east-west access

May interfere with driver reviver stops

No access to the Winery.

Option 2 – Impacts movements to Expressway Spares

Option 3 – Access on west impacts ecology more

Access on east impacts built environment

Adverse property impact

Option 4 – Good access

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Q3. Suggestions?

- ▶ Option 1 and 1B should widen intersection at Sancrox Rd
  - ▶ All options should have appropriate acceleration and deceleration
  - ▶ Ensure median access for fire station
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### **Group 2 feedback**

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Q1. What do you like?

Option 1 – Wharf Road small road only access. Interchange would make safe access.

Option 1B – Safety for Wharf Road and Blackmans Point Road

Marginal improvement to Option 1.

Option 2 – Good for Wharf Road

Better for traffic at Sancrox Road

- Safer for truck movements
- More efficient
- Safe for workers

Workable option at Sancrox Road

Preference over Option 1 and 1B

Option 3 – Wharf Road good access

Satisfy more people

Safer and better option

Stage Option 2

People working in the area will not have to use the highway

Option 4 – Nice access to Wharf Road

Would be ideal if done to Option 3

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Q2. What don't you like?

Option 1 – Travel further off and on and in return movement

Option 2 – U-turn movements dangerous – B-doubles

Bushlands Drive would have excess traffic as a half seagull  
would be a deterrent

Option 2 – Glen Ewan Drive has to go north before going south (6  
Km's)<sup>[SJW1]</sup>

Option 3 – Truck noise for Glen Ewan Road on both sides

Option 4 – Timing problem – if done in 2 years we would support

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Q3. Suggestions?

Option 1 – Scrap it!

Option 2 – Problem at Sancrox Rd exists – time factor

To be built ASAP

To be built first if staged.

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**Group 3 feedback**

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Q1. What do you like?

Option 3 – Easy access to the south and north from Hastings River Drive

Better access to businesses at Sancrox Road and Fernbank  
Creek

Access arrangement on eastern side preferred (Area 13 –  
more compatible)

Interchange at Blackmans Point is good because we have two  
options.

Option 4 – Long-term better scenario for growth because of connections

Only like this if Option 3 is not accepted

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Q2. What don't you like?

Option 3 – Western access road (600m overbridge at Sancrox Rd) impact  
on Billabong business and existing residence

Not in accordance with Council's Rural Residential Strategy

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Option 4 – More impacts on existing houses, land and access during  
floods

Who will pay / maintain access roads?

Grade separated interchange too close to Donut

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### Q3. Suggestions?

Construct a land bridge as an overpass (a constant nature reserve) to maintain and enhance the National Parks Regional Corridor

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### **The next stages in the project**

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Stephen Williamson provided an overview of the next stages in the project:

- ▶ Continue meeting with stakeholders regarding interchange design.
  - ▶ Prepare a 3A application to the Department of Planning
  - ▶ Continue geotechnical investigation and field studies
  - ▶ Continue concept design
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### **Summary and close of meeting**

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Melanie thanked everyone for coming and reminded people that the community consultation did not stop here. Melanie encouraged residents to call / email her if they have any questions following the meeting.

Melanie asked residents to record their names on a sheet of paper to receive a copy of the 4 proposed options.

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Melanie Layton to distribute maps to attendees that requested them.

### **Melanie Layton (nee Miels)**

Community consultation Specialist