

**Albury Wodonga Hume Freeway Project
Ettamogah to Murray River, NSW**

**Meeting #17 – Issues and action items
Wednesday 7 February 2007, 6pm – 7.00pm
Dallinger Road site office**

CLG members in attendance

Bev Bennie	Alan Hodge	Graeme Richardson
Allan Coulter	Brian McLennan	David Sprunt
Ann Henderson	Peter Reynoldson	Keith Turner
Dennis Hickey		

Project representatives in attendance

Mark Davidovic, Abigroup	Col Doolan, RTA
Carol Bartley, Abigroup	Ed Scully, RTA
Amy Jessup, Abigroup	Greg Blackie, AlburyCity

CLG members unable to attend

Maurice Chick (Apology)	John Pratt (Apology)
Kim Krebs (Apology)	Peter Ziebarth (Apology)
Arch McLeish (Apology)	Brian Waters (Apology)
Wayne Matsinos (Apology)	

CLG members unable to attend meetings as scheduled but continuing to represent their communities of interest

Martha Bardy	Ron Dennis	Yvonne Paull
Colin Clark	Wayne Nevinson	John Whitelaw

No.	Item	Issues / Actions	Action by
1	Welcome & introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apologies including the project's Environmental Management Representative (EMR). ▪ Rebecca Grant, Coffeys, was welcomed as tonight's EMR nominee. 	
2	Actions from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nil 	
3	Abigroup project update	<p>Community liaison and involvement</p> <p>Community information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There were 26 visitors to display centre since the last meeting. Taking the 21 month total to 2,998. ▪ Letterbox notification and advice was provided in regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Temporary out of hours demolition of the Dean Street traffic bridge (27 Dec) ▪ Dean Street tower construction (11 Jan) ▪ Batch plant early start (12 Jan) ▪ Works associated with freeway completion (18Jan) ▪ Advertisements were placed in The Border Mail for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Temporary closure of Kenilworth Street pedestrian bridge (8, 9, 11 Dec) ▪ Site office and display centre closed (9, 16, 25 Dec) ▪ Construction activities January to March (30 Dec) ▪ There was only one media traffic alert for the temporary out of hours demolition of the Dean Street traffic bridge (27 Dec). <p>Visits and presentations</p> <p>Visitors to the display centre included: Abigroup business</p>	Abiroup

		<p>development managers.</p> <p>Media coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Since the last meeting there have been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 13 articles in The Border Mail. ▪ 15 letters to the editor ▪ 1 editorial ▪ Interviews for 2AY, PRIME and WIN, ABC Goulburn Murray and ABC Riverina. ▪ Radio news announcements were also heard following media traffic alerts. <p>Design and construction progress</p> <p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community open day will take place on 4 March 2007 and we expect to open to traffic on 6 March. The opening will allow traffic on from the south and the north ramp by ramp in sequence. ▪ The shared path and works behind the noise walls (such as landscaping) will not be completed prior to opening to traffic and works to complete the parks will continue after opening. There is a good deal of planting to be done and turf to be laid before the parks are completed. <p>Ettamogah to Thurgoona Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The old Hume Highway will be closed at RW Henry Drive for up to 3 months to construct the northbound freeway on ramp. All traffic will be directed to use the new Hume Highway. Southbound vehicles requiring access to local roads, residences and businesses located between Thurgoona Drive and RW Henry Drive will need to exit the freeway at the Thurgoona Drive interchange. Once the ramp is completed, the Davey Road interchange will be opened. ▪ Line marking and installing guideposts are the final activities taking place in this section. <p>Thurgoona Drive to Borella Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completion of ramps and signage work are the final activities in the Corrys Hill area. ▪ Fallon Street opened on 2 February 2007 taking just 7 months to construct. ▪ New Colorbond fencing is going up at the rear boundaries of East Albury park residences. The laneways are being reinstated using a product called 'grasscrete' to keep the green feel through the linear park. <p>Borella Road to Bridge Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Construction in front of the wall in East Albury is nearly complete. ▪ The Dean Street overbridge was demolished in late December and early January and the new cable stay bridge is nearing completion. The support structures will be removed as soon as the cables are fully stressed. The extent of finishing works in the parks means the pedestrian bridge will not be opened on 6 March 2007. ▪ Pallisade fencing around the railway station will be completed prior to the opening. 	<p>Abigroup</p>
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		<p>location of the natural gas line and airport issues. Fencing and safety barrier is being completed around the poles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are many areas where the wire rope safety barrier (WRSB) is not in place yet. WRSB is designed to absorb energy of a vehicle that may leave the road but is not meant to instantly stop the vehicle. ▪ The site office and batch plant are likely to be at the current location for at least 12 months. <p>Opening event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It has been confirmed that there will be a community event to mark the opening of the freeway. This is an opportunity for the RTA, VicRoads and Abigroup to thank the community for their patience and support during construction. ▪ Alexandra Park will be the base of activities. There will be bus tours and the opportunity to walk an open section of the freeway. There will also be a 'lycra' cyclist event and a fun run in the morning. ▪ It is anticipated that the official opening will take place the same day. <p>Murray River bridge naming competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are coupons in The Border Mail for anyone interested in putting a name forward for the Murray River bridge. A shortlist of 10 entries will be determined by the Albury and Wodonga Citizens of the Year. A panel of representatives from DOTARS, the RTA, VicRoads and the Albury and Wodonga mayors will then make the final selection. 	
5	Meeting #18	Wednesday 28 March 2006, 6pm to 7.30pm Dallinger Road site office	All