MINUTES – TIARO COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

MEETING No. 1 – 1 JUNE, 2020

Community Working Group		Others	
	Present		Present
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	Present – until 7.00pm	Tracey Genrich (TG), FCRC – Project	Present
		Manager	
	Present	Cr Phil Truscott (PT), FCRC - Observer	Present – until 7.55pm
	Present	Jarrod Delahunty (JD), FCRC – Principal	Present
		Officer Economic Development	
	Present	Kym Murphy, Regional Director DTMR	Present
	Present	Hendrik Roux, District Director DTMR	Present
	Present	Prashant Singh, Project Manager DTMR	Apology
	Present	Marie Millard (MM), DTMR	Present
	Present	Donald Turner (DT), DTMR	Present
	Present	TJ Harding, Cultural Heritage Officer DTMR	Present
	Present – from 6.57pm		
	Apology		
	Absent		
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Introduction & Overview			
Tiaro Community Working Group		 Some projects/ideas may need to be done 	
– 2020 Program		earlier than project timeframe?	

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		 Yes agreed. Can talk about Community Plan, project and priorities further at Meeting No. 2 – 15 June, 2020 	
Welcome by Council	Cr Phil Truscott		
Department of Transport & Main Roads Presentation	As per attendance List above	 request contact from DTMR to speak further about Koala Assessment (via chat function) - Request copy of Environmental Study 	MM to organise a conversation with MM & TJ MM to advise whether Environmental Study is available for release taking into account public availability & confidentiality issues etc.
Presentation			TG to organise access to Project's Engagement Hub page for all members who have signed the Terms of Reference.
			TG to organise presentations to be uploaded to Engagement Hub page.
			TG to research Wardell project and provide details to TCWG members.
Questions to Department and	Facilitated by	(via chat function) – requested if a copy of DTMR & Dr presentations will be made available.	
	S	TG (via chat function) — responded yes. All presentations will be uploaded to the project's Engagement Hub page.	
		Need to consider still requirement for heavy vehicle traffic through Tiaro. Cannot make a negative area for heavy vehicles. Truck & dog and BDoubles use those routes. Some local businesses still need to be able to cater to local truck drivers	

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		etc. Whilst Tourism is important, governments need to get behind commercial, industrial & residential developments. Need industry.	
		- responded that Kempsey still needed BDouble Access. Any design of Main Street improvements can take that into consideration.	
		– Example of Wardell which has a bridge that links the west to Wardell – similar of Tiaro. Can we leverage advantage of that. Has Dr been involved with Wardell?	
		 No involvement with Wardell but some involvement with Grafton and post bypass strategy discussions. 	
		– Requested confirmation that there is still 2 connection points (ie northern & southern entrances/exits etc) for discussion?	
	S	HR - Yes. 2 connections (northern & southern connections) being progressed by DTMR - 1 central connection is deemed not to be feasible. TMR progressing with 2 connections (ie northern	
	60	and southern connection point)	
	(O)	 Raised a query in relation to the examples in presentation particularly given the 	

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		large population base of Sydney etc? What was	
		done pre and post Bypass in this circumstance.	
		– responded that Tiaro also is within an	
		approx. 2.5 hour drive from a large population	
		base of Brisbane.	
		- family property located around the area of	
		the proposed northern connection point. Safety	
		aspect of residents who live adjacent to that	
		connection during the Design process. Heritage	
		and environmental aspects were glossed over -	
		could be harnessed for commercial benefit for the	
		area. Tiaro could harness commercial	
		presentation to people coming through	
		highlighting heritage & environmental values etc.	
		UP Design will consider sefety for all including	
		HR – Design will consider safety for all including local road connections etc. Design standard and	
		safety requirements for a Motorway will be	
		high.	
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		– Old Coach Road. Does the northern	
		connection go across the Old Coach Road?	
	. (7)	Potential for a unique historical site.	
	(7)	TJH – Tiaro has some fascinating history. DTMR try	
		and preserve history as much as possible. Lot of	
		factors need to be fed into design including these.	

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		DTMR will be talking further to residents and TCWG about this matter. Also extra funds were provided to consultant to get detailed background information into Old Coach Road. Research found that this is not part of the original Cobb & Co road, it is however old and significant. More discussion about this matter as well.	
Group Work – Bypass Feedback/Input		- Query re access from Tahiti Road to Tiaro. HR - DTMR will not cut off any communities by building the Motorway. Local road systems will be integrated into the design to cross at the Grade separated crossing (ie northern/southern entrances etc)	
		Need to consider the 1932 timber bridge over the Mary River which floods at minor flood level. Cannot take tri axle or BDouble trucks. Used by emergency services, school buses and short cut from Biggenden etc. Only alternative route between Tiaro & Maryborough if closure of Bruce Highway due to accidents. Entrance and bridge should be taken into account as part of this project.	

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		 Can this be discussed as part of the Community Planning or is there a direct link with the Bypass project? I believe there is a direct link. HR – Acknowledge critical link, however, it is not part of the Bypass project and would need to stand on its own merits. DTMR aware of its current stage and constraints etc. Would need to be considered as part of state wide funding etc 	
Next Steps & Close		- Confirm Minutes etc will be a concise summary of meeting – not a verbatim version. Encourage any member to sign and return Terms of Reference so they can fully participate and have access to any sensitive information as part of this project. Members who have not signed will not have access to sensitive and/or confidential information.	 Complete the Quick Survey on bypass design features by Wednesday 10 June, 2020; Take a look at Engagement Hub to keep up to date etc; Direct any ideas & questions on matter relevant to bypass to Marie Millard (DTMR)

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			• TG – Prepare a COVID19 Safe Plan for next
			meeting on 15/6/2020 (and future meetings)
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MEETING No. 2 – 15 JUNE, 2020

Community Working Group		Others	
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		Facilitator/Chair	
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Review of previous meeting (agenda, comments, actions, minutes)		Actions from previous meeting: - Enviro and cultural heritage briefing – In progress. MM advised the briefing with the member who had requested it was being organised.	

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		 TMR Environmental Report – In Progress. MM confirmed TMR would provide the report to the group once finalised (currently a draft) Wardell Project – In Progress. TG confirmed she had done some preliminary research and would also call the council to get 	MM to complete offline briefing with TCWG member about environmental and cultural heritage investigations.
		further information. Minutes from previous meeting:	MM to post Environment Report on Engagement Hub once finalised.
		 noted that the record of comments in relation to b-double access for the township were not clear and may need amended. confirmed that he had been highlighting the need to maintain b-double access through Tiaro once the bypass is constructed. Heavy vehicle access will be important for existing and future 	TG to present findings of Wardell Road investigations to the TCWG once investigations complete.
		businesses and development. - TG agreed to amend the minutes. - The TCWG members agreed to accept the minutes, with that amendment.	TG to amend previous minutes to clarify comments as follows: - TMR must ensure b-doubles can continue to travel through Tiaro following construction of the bypass. Heavy vehicle access is important for development and for existing local businesses looking to capture that heavy vehicle market.
Results of Engagement Hub survey: - Tiaro connection points	.0	presented a PowerPoint containing the survey results (Attachment 1).	

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- Desired outcomes from the design		noted there were 11 respondents to the survey and noted key findings as follows:	MM to arrange offline discussion with survey respondent who questioned why flood mitigation on existing highway is
		 Connection options 10 respondents agreed with proposed northern plus southern connection option 	not still under consideration, and explain why it was ruled out.
		1 respondent disagreed with proposed northern plus southern connection option	TMR to note outcomes of the survey, bypass discussions and Community Planning discussions (relevant to TMR).
		noted there had been a comment about flood mitigation was from a member who had not been in attendance at the previous meeting and suggested TMR	TMR to have a follow-up discussion with the group about noise abatement.
		make contact to discuss this.	MM to pass on drawings to design
		 Desired outcomes from bypass design Graph presented showing the ranking of items in order of importance to greatest number of respondents: Extensive highway signage Easy off ramps to town Safety for locals & Connect with Local Roads Flood Free access to town See the town from the highway Best alignment for local features Interchanges close to the town 	consultants for consideration during development of the design.
	(0)	Graph presented showing the ranking of items in order of importance to greatest number of respondents:	

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		Special Features for New Markets & Highway rest are in town Mayne Street improvements Additional bypass related ideas	
		 asked members to raise their hands to indicate if they felt other ideas outlined in the survey results were important, including: Work for locals and businesses during construction – 10 members raised their hands Noise abatement considerations for houses along the eastern edge of the town. Tiaro sts North and south – 5 members raised their hands Tourist Radio in connection with current Tiaro Community Radio to call travellers off the highway – one member raised a hand, however noted this could be discussed further as part of a signage strategy. Members agreed. RV and electric vehicle rest and recharge promotion of the town – 10 members raised their hands New commercial zone along the bypass entry point to Tiaro. The businesses that need to, should be allocated land for development relocation within a 	
		certain time-frame of the bypass being completed – with a preference for local businesses to be given the first opportunity to participate. 8 hands raised.	
		Discussions: Commercial zone at project extents: - explained this idea was about (1) rezoning	
		joining land at the project extents to industrial (2)	

making that land available at a discounted rate to existing local businesses to develop TG noted that (2) would likely be very difficult. raised a concern about the type of developmen and potential to have negative impact on existing businesses if motorists stopped only at the interchange. moted there was an existing industrial estate north of the cemetery, but with some constraints on development due to water capacity issues. Including four-lanes in current project scope: Bypass designed and built to four-lanes in the current project — 8 hands raised Maked why this was not in current scope. MM explained that the congestion issues could be addressed with a two-lane bypass. Given that, TM would not be able to make a strong case for extra money for four-laning as part of the current project. The traffic volumes are not currently an issue - the congestion is caused by the reduced speed limits, intersections, flooding and ped crossing. MM advised TMR would do as much groundwork as possible now to save on costs of future-four laning including design work, land acquisition and possible some earthworks and drainage. advised that he was also concerned about road safety - a four lane highway would be much safer than a two-lane highway, as a 4 lane configuration	R t.

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		 noted the cost savings for taxpayers were a major driver for wanting the four-lanes built now. Noise abatement advised this would be a concern for residents. noted that different road surfaces had different impacts on noise – Stone Mastic Asphalt (SMA) for example, was a lot quieter than open graded asphalt, but historically it was attributed to road safety issues which may have affected its popularity. MM confirmed that comments were accurate – SMA emits less noise than open graded asphalt and here had been community concern about it previously. Since then however, SMA technology had changed significantly - TMR has no concerns about it being a hazard. MM committed to TMR having further discussions with the group about noise abatement and noted there were several factors to considered. 	
		Removal of pedestrian crossing lights post-bypass: - noted that the traffic lights may be able to be removed once the bypass is in place - Nine members of the working group raised hands in support. - noted that the traffic lights were a pedestrian crossing and residents, particularly elderly persons, may still need to use the facility to safely cross.	
		 noted traffic volumes would drop significantly following the bypass. 	

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Tiaro Community Plan - overview	Tracey Genrich	TG discussed different Community Plans and advised examples had been uploaded to Engagement Hub for the group to view. Economic impact assessment: - asked if TMR would be doing an economic impact assessment for Tiaro. - MM advised an economic impact assessment involves a retrospective assessment of what happened. This is very valuable information for the next township to be bypassed, which can benefit from the learnings, but does not assist the town that was bypassed. - MM suggested it would be valuable however, for existing Tiaro businesses to gain an understanding of their current customer base, including what % is passing motorists and why they are stopping — is it purely optimistic or are they stopping because they specifically want a particular product or service? This would be a business planning exercise. TMR has no expertise in this area, but TMR and FCRC have had discussions with other state government agencies who do, such as the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training. DESBT is keen to assist Tiaro.	MM to arrange for Engagement Hub to be updated to include Questions for TG to send reminder to group to submit Questions MM to follow-up with and get back to the group with responses.

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		 TG noted that Jarrod Delahunty (Economic Development officer) had planned to talk more about this at the meeting, but unfortunately could not attend. It would be discussed further however at the next meeting. TG noted the local businesses should be thinking about business training, development and refocus and that she expects discussions about businesses' needs will form part of the community planning process. asked if there was a budget for community and economic development projects: TG explained there was no budget for any proposals as yet, as there were no proposals to cost at this time. questioned why a portion of the \$107 million for the highway upgrade hadn't been allocated for the community planning projects. also noted the final highway cost would probably be more than \$107 million. MM confirmed the \$107 million was a budgeted amount only and a detailed cost estimate would need to be developed once TMR had a design to cost. MM advised that the funding allocation was for the highway upgrade only; there was no allocation for community or economic development project's. TG explained TMR and FCRC had a budget of \$30,000 for the community working group and planning process, of which TMR and FCRC had contributed 50% each. 	

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Tiaro Community Plan —		research and both cited some of research highlighted both potential negative and positive impacts from bypasses. MM reminded the working group that was still available to take questions and that TMR could compile these and get back to the group with responses. Broader community consultation enquired about when the broader community consultation will be held. TG advised this would likely be between the fourth and fifth working group sessions. asked TG to clarify if the intent was to complete the Community Plan by the end of the year. TG confirmed it was. and commented on the difficulty of getting community groups to communicate. noted there were 27 community groups in Tiaro at present and possibly 20 did not know the others existed. asked members to contribute three ideas each about:	
initial brainstorming	. 0	 What the best things about Tiaro are What they think the biggest challenges (now or in the future) for Tiaro are 	
	.01	- What they would like to change in or about Tiaro	
		Refer Attachment 1	

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		 noted the following key themes could be seen through all the responses, and after discussion these were generally agreed to be working titles for themes to be used in future work by the group: Natural and historical features (e.g river, turtles, historical assets) Physical improvements (e.g Mayne Street improvements, changes to parking, more residential and industrial land, greenspace development) Business innovation (e.g business development, address loss of jobs from bypass, build upon existing base of successful businesses with local patronage and/or potential to retain passing trade) Destination town (e.g promotion of unique/special features, marketing) Local communication (e.g better utilisation of existing avenues and possible development of new avenues for communication to address issues of difficult to reach population and improve mobilisation of and connectedness between different community groups). suggested the group consider the possibility of delivering some initiatives in 2020. noted that some of parking issues for example, could be addressed early with low-cost solutions (e.g bitumining, line-marking, changed traffic arrangements). 	

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		TG suggested business development initiatives could also start now.	
Next meeting	Tracey Genrich	Working group agreed to have a longer session for next meeting. Meeting participants were asked to discuss preferences: - Tuesdays suited to most but not all - Early mornings preferred - School holidays to be avoided (Qld and NSW) - Weekends to be avoided Based on comments from the group, next meeting date was set for Tuesday 21 July 2020, 9am to 1pm. suggested the working group could be polled about some ideas prior to the next meeting, to keep things progressing. Particularly the 2020 initiatives.	TG to sent invite for meeting on 21 July 2020, 9am to 1pm. TG, to consider what could be done between now and next group session to progress some of the ideas/initiatives for 2020.
Meeting closed 8.30pm			

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MEETING No. 3 – 22 JULY, 2020

Community Working Group	
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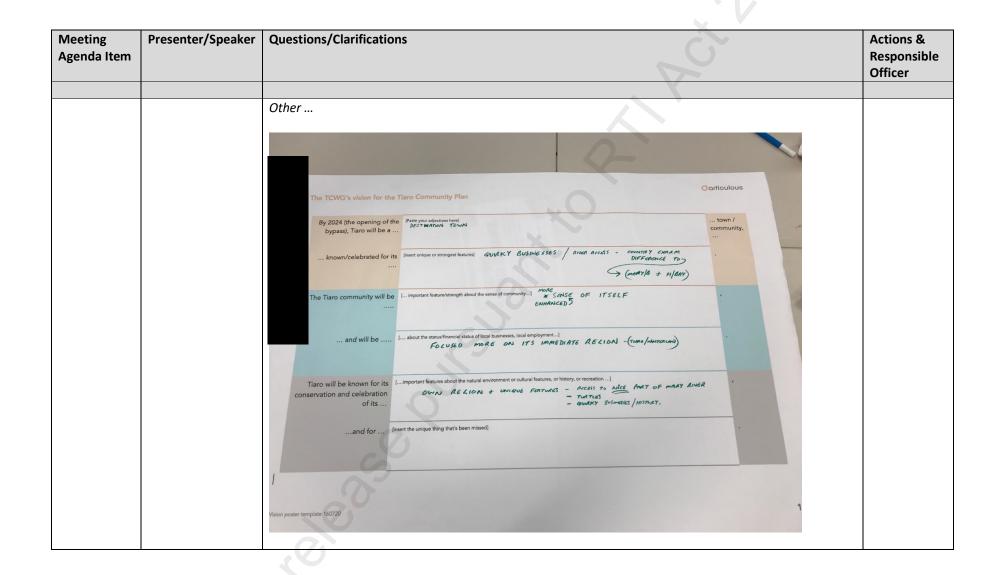


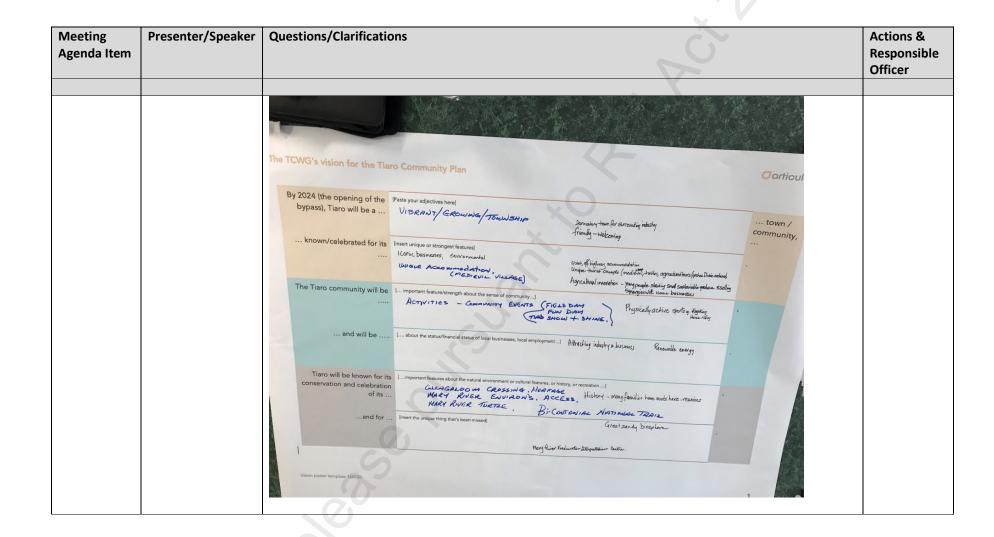
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Introduction and Overview Review of previous meeting		noted that the industrial site was opposite the cemetery, not north of the Cemetery. clarified development had been restricted past River Road.	Minutes to be updated and
(agenda, comments, actions, minutes)			redistributed.
Economic Development presentation	Mark Lourigan	Discussed role of the Economic Development team: - Some members funded by state and federal govt Focus areas include business retention and expansion, attracting new business investment, skills development, innovation and regional employment.	FCRC to instigate a program of services to support Tiaro
		Programs/projects: - Australian Small Business Advisory Service – short workshops to help develop skills e.g digital literacy - Business Sector Meetings - Supply Chain workshops - Grant writing workshops (to be held in August 2020) - 1 to 1 business support	businesses, based on local needs.
		 Virtual Business Summit – being held tomorrow COVID support for businesses website – up to date info. In future: FCRC has put aside \$1 million for grants for business, workshops and so on Professional advice support – e.g accounting, marketing (will be tailored to the business need) 	

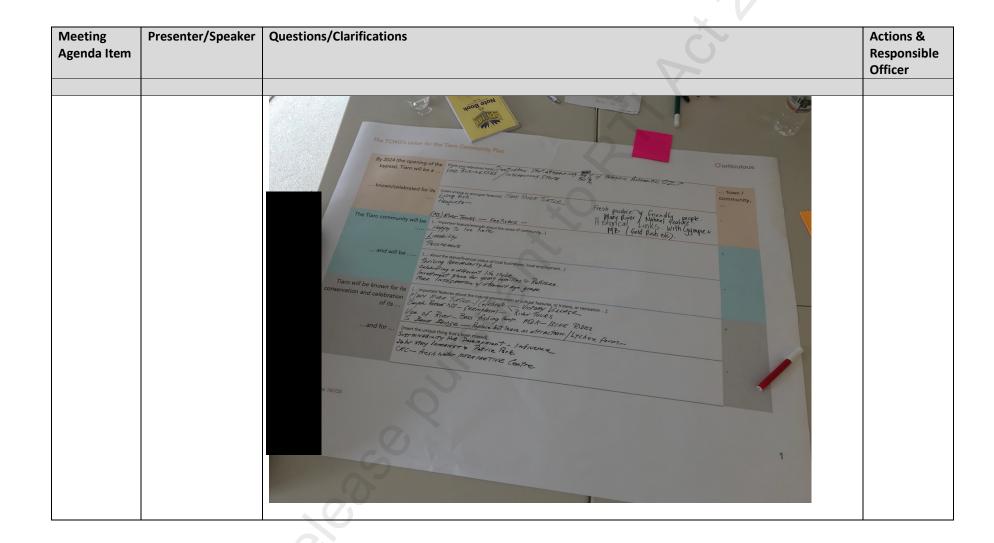
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		 Customer retention program – improve customer services/establish FC as a stand-out for customer experience Buy local program – ongoing 	
		State and federal govt support	
		- Various agencies and programs discussed	
		- FC has a focus on collaborating with other agencies to provide integrated services	
		For Tiaro:	
		- TG and ML confirmed a tailored program of services could be designed for Tiaro, based on local needs.	
		Background:	
		- Fraser Coast is proximate to 70% of state's population.	
		- Very high performing region (Gold Coast highest, then Sunshine Coast, then Brisbane, Cairns then	
		Fraser Coast)	
		- FC – 2 million overnight businesses, ahead of Townsville, Mackay and others	
		- Roughly 1.8 million tourists. Mostly day trippers, however day trippers don't spend as much. \$ are with	
		overnight stayers who represent 86% of total tourism spend.	
		- FC is a very diverse area – coast and hinterland experiences	
		Visitor Information Centre	
		- Tiaro VIC is very well patronised - 40 thousand a year are visiting info centres (including about 5% of overnight visitors) and around ¼ of those stop at Tiaro centre.	
		 Visitors are stopping because of the craft shop, not because of the Tourism sales/services. Doesn't turn over a lot of paid tourism product (direct sales). 	

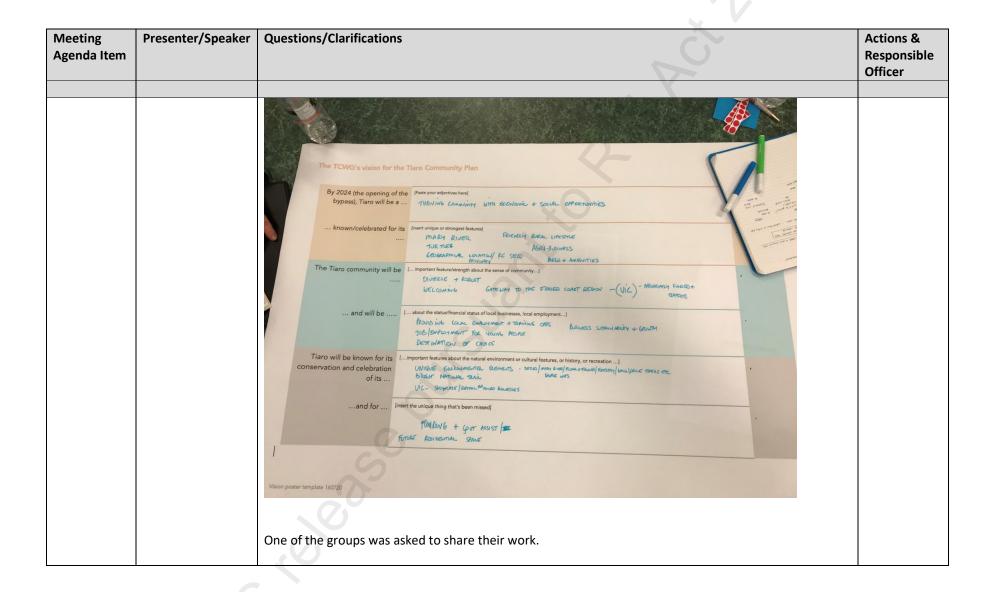
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		 VIC on the Bruce Highway are not focussed on selling an experience at that trip, but aim to influence a visitors' itinerary for their next trip. Had looked at the RSL as a new location for the VIC, but this was not well supported by the community. Prefers VICs to be directly on the highway - making a decision to turn off into Tiaro could be an issue once the bypass is in place. Would have to be staffed by full-time people to be accredited (yellow "i"). Yellow "i" is staffed, focussed on tourism and sells a lot of product. The current VIC is an amazing draw card for Tiaro as does attract a lot of visitation. Group members discussed the current status and role of the VIC, questioned the visitor numbers and output and discussed its current and future potential including its position as a gateway to the region and the opportunities that presents for promoting tourism experiences. Members also discussed the possibility of the accreditation issue being resolved through the employment of a local full-time staff member and asked if the decision about the accreditation could be delayed until 12 months after the opening of the bypass. 	
		Presented a quick overview of land use planning and urban design strategies that could be of use to the TCWG. - Ref: Tiaro Planning Scheme zoning map of Tiaro – this shows the zones that govern what you can and can't do with land, a brief explanation of the meaning of the colours and the general intent of the planning scheme	

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		- Ref: expert from work undertaken by Articulous on the Gold Coast Spit – 'Master plans', expressed as detailed illustrative plans are probably not what the TCWG wants to head towards, as they reflect an end state and highly refined design concepts, and this not the usual intent or outcomes of a community plan	
		- Ref: Zoning map of Eumundi (Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme) – This compares with a town of a size that Tiaro might aspire to, and which has similar characteristics (esp bypass, railway, traditional main street, etc)	
		- Ref: 'Local Plan Elements' map of Eumundi, Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme – The Fraser Coast Planning Scheme could include provisions for mapping such as this, where detailed and specific outcomes across environmental, recreational, urban design, heritage and transport modes are set out and backed up with provisions. This approach is indented to retain good character elements, give certainty to investors and developers, and deliver outcomes that meet the community's expectations	
		- Ref: Cleveland Town Centre Development Control Plan excerpts – These provisions can include diagrams and other graphics to assist in interpreting the provisions.	
Tiaro vision		Exercise with the group to establish a vision.	
		A group exercise involved groups of 3 and 4 members of the TCWG working on large posters to brainstorm a vision for Tiaro.	
		Each group were asked to complete these statements:	
		By 2024 (the opening of the bypass), Tiaro will be a [] town, known/celebrated for its [] and	
		[]	
		The Tiaro community will:	
		Be [about the sense of community]	
		Be [about businesses, local employment]	
		Conserve and celebrate [about the natural environment features]	





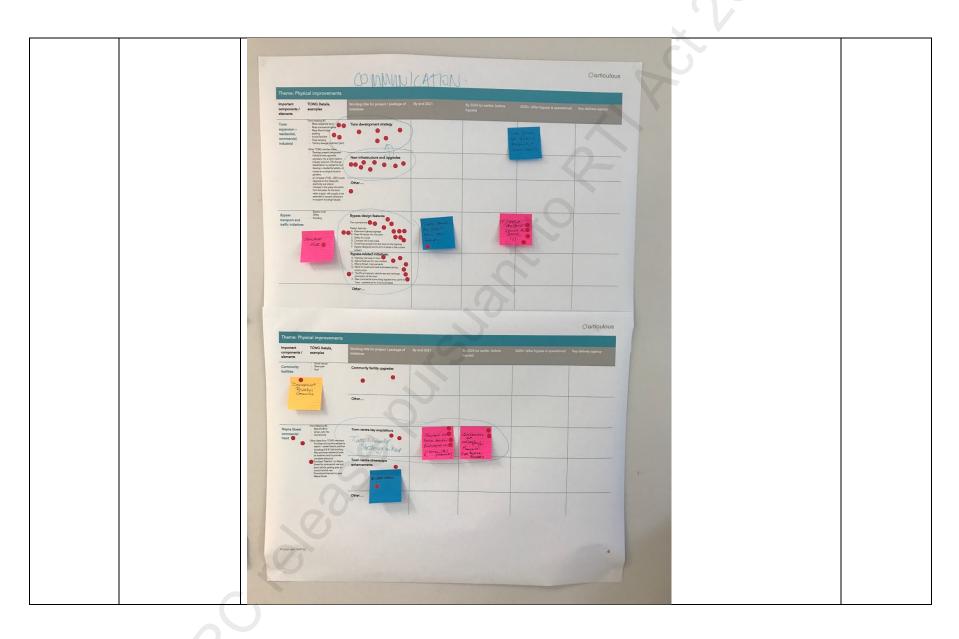


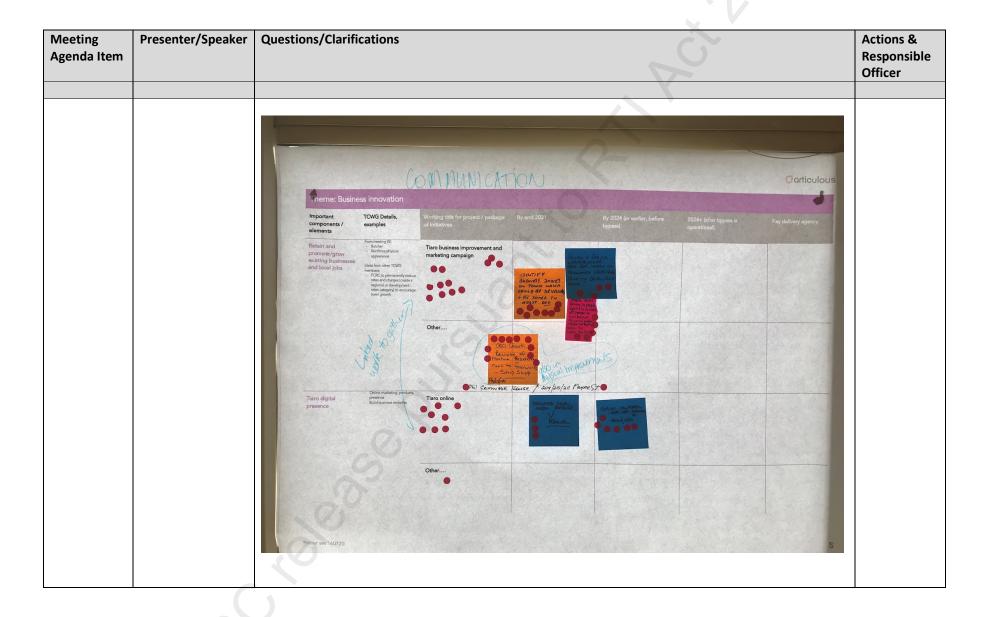


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Idea generation and Prioritisation of ideas		The previous meeting determined draft themes for the community plan: - Natural and historical features - Physical improvements - Business innovation - Destination town - Local communication Poster were prepared of this meeting, setting out tables under each of these themes. The TCWG members were asked, as individuals, to: 1. Grab their pens and post-it notes 2. We reviewed the set out of the posters: a. The TCWG ideas for initiatives and projects to date b. The categorisation of these under the themes, and like-for-like components / elements c. Working titles for projects/packages of initiatives 3. TCWG memebrs were asked to add initiatives/projects that haven't been recorded to date (Columns 1 and 2) 4. We then reviewed what they added 5. We talk about how the deadlines of end 2010, 2024, and 2024+ have a bearing on the initiatives	The th
		 6. TCWG members were then asked to indicate their individual preferences of the projects/initiatives/packages theme-by-theme using dots 7. We reviewed what priorities were then revealed Significant refinements included: The local communication theme was agreed to be withdrawn with but the importance of communication was to be highlighted through the other 4 themes 	

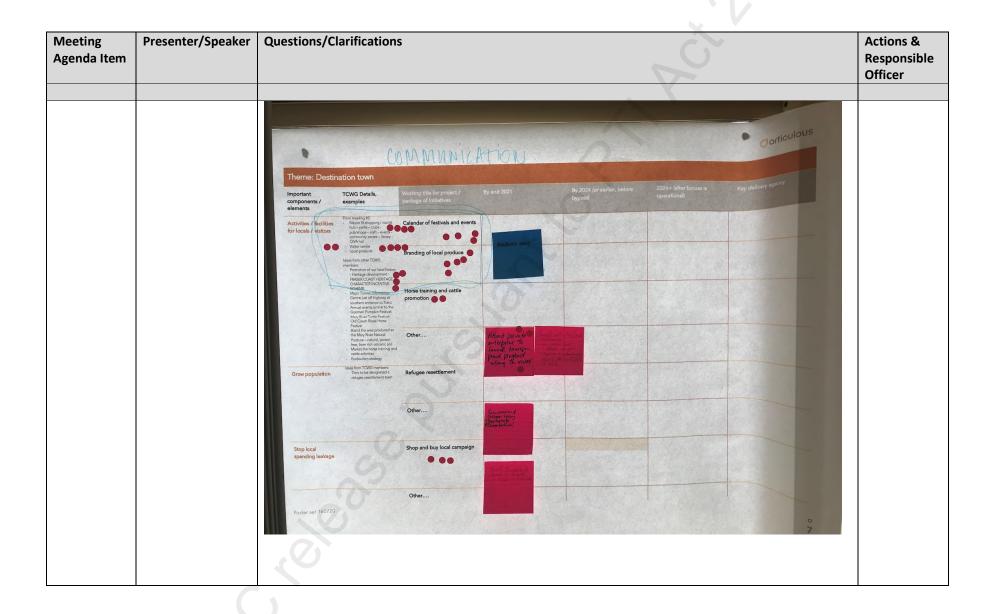
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\$230,000 capital works		[Tracey, you might want to summarise this]	
funding in Tiaro		 TG provided advice about the \$230k COVID works program funds: FCRC did not want to miss an opportunity to secure funds for Tiaro Given the community planning process was still underway, there were no confirmed projects to include. However, Mayne Street improvements had been requested previously FCRC put forward a loose scope to try and secure some funds, while the opportunity was available The TCWG still had the opportunity to identify the project or projects to be delivered with the \$230k that had been secured 	
		noted that the label "Qld Friendliest Town" has lost meaning as there were about ten towns with this label. TG asked group to clarify is a "Friendliest town" label was a priority – group members clarified that "friendliest town" was something they aspired to, but they are not necessary interested in pursuing the "Qld Friendliest town" label.	
		provided some advice about the interpretive centre and research centre. and explained two proposals for improving the parking arrangements in Tiaro: 1. Inman Street one-way arrangement - Primarily line-marking changes (low cost) - Utilises existing road reserve	

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		 Long parking bay retained (currently well used) Could secure 15 car parks < need to check the drawing> 	
		 Concept drawing developed to demonstrate concept will work. Drawing is based on existing approved parking arrangements in Hervey Bay and the Tiaro Foodworks. 	
		Bitumening Cooringa Road, with the ability for turn-around at top, to allow long vehicle parking one side and angle parking the other side.	
		TG confirmed COVID parking to be spent by June 2021; not a lot of time for design and construction, so a quick decision would be needed on which project were priorities.	
		advised he is concerned there is not enough time to consider proposals. noted another consideration could be a double footpath from town to the recreation centre.	
		suggested an Engagement Hub Survey may be a good way for the group to determine priorities.	
		TG advised this was a good idea; but TCWG members need to respond to the survey in a timely manner.	
		advised a wheelchair access footpath has been proposed in 2008 and was costed at \$130k for a short area, due to the incline of road.	
		suggested the car park could be integrated with the trail.	
		advised that it would be good for the group to have an understanding of which of the proposed projects had the highest likelihood of being funded by FCRC, irrespective of the COVID funding allocation. The would allow the group to determine whether the COVID funding was an opportunity to deliver projects that were of high importance but low likelihood of securing future funding.	
		TG advised she wasn't in a position to advise of how the proposals would be considered/assessed – it was something that would need input from other FCRC staff.	

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		summarised the proposals discussed for the \$230k:	
		- Parking changes	
		- Wheelchair access footpath	
		- Footpath to rec centre.	
		advised bird watching facilities should be considered as well.	
		It was agreed that TG would collate the projects discussed, and after the meeting send this to each	
		TCWG member to get each member's preference for which of the projects should be nominated for the	
		funding.	
Tiaro		Discussed International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) levels of engagement	
Community			
Engagement		Clarified wide community engagement sits in the participation spectrum.	
		It was suggested and agreed the level on engagement would be set at the 'Consult' level, where:	
		- Working group goal was to get Tiaro community feedback on the community plan, and	
		- The promise to the Tiaro community was that;	
		 they will be kept informed, listened to and their concerns acknowledged 	
		 They will be given feedback on how their input influenced the TCWG's decisions. 	
		 The TCWG will seek their feedback on drafts and proposals. 	
		A number of appropriate engagement tactics were presented and discussed.	
		Discussed possible tools with WG:	
		- Public displays	
		- Facebook page	
		- Via Community Groups.	
		A number of ideas were discussed, including:	
		- Public or town hall style meetings were not appropriate due to COVID restrictions on gatherings,	
		and their low success rate in delivering meaningful outcomes for those in attendance	

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	- Communication channels such as Tiaro radio, Bauple Bulletin, the publication of TCWG names so assist with the dissemination of information, Fraser Coast Sustainability Hub, the role of the Chamber of Commerce, dedicated resources to achieve engagement with all parts of the community - Ensuring the community understood the bypass was separate from the Community Planning process. - The community planning process providing a document that is tested in the community and identifies their priorities for consideration in the budgeting process. All levels of government and community need to have buy in and will be accountable for different aspects of the plan. The likely contents of the community plan were discussed: 1. Introduction 2. The TCWG's vision for Tiaro 3. How the community plan was devised 4. Summary of the Tiaro bypass priorities 5. Summary of community plan key initiatives 6. Key priorities [a section of each of these]: a. Heading and short description b. Rationale underpinning the initiative c. Detailed description and d. Indicative staging e. Key delivery agencies 7. Additional initiatives (summarised) 8. Next steps: a. TMR response	

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		c. The TCWG in 2021	
Next steps		Request information from group on \$230k ideas – quick turn- around required.	TG to request information
		Next meeting to be held in September after wider community engagement	from group on \$230k
		It was agreed that would review the outcomes on the ideas generation and prioritisation of the group work after the meeting , and summarise the priorities so that these could be reviewed and confirmed by the TCWG.	VOCID funding ideas, including
		Marie Millard (MM) advised TMR would like to brief the working group on the alignment in mid-August and asked if the briefing could be set for 19 August from approx. 9am to about 10.30am. TCWG members noted down date.	priorities. TG to developed
		There was some discussion about whether the TCWG wanted a baseline economic study of the impacts of the bypass in their Community Plan priorities.	community consultation proposal for consideration by group.
			MM to arrange TMR briefing on alignment for group on 19 August 2020.
Meeting close	b		



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Tiaro Community Working Group Tiaro Bypass Update

Date Wednesday 19 August 2020 Time 9:00am to 11:30am

Place John Horrex Room, Tiaro Community District Centre, Tiaro QLD 4650

Presenter(s) Marie Millard,

Senior Communications Officer

Department of Transport & Main Roads (TMR)

Prashant Singh,

Project Manager, Tiaro Bypass (TMR)

David Jorgensen,

Principal Technologist (TMR)

Minute taker Julia Adler,

Communications Officer (TMR)

Attendees

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TMR	David Jorgensen (DJ)	Present
	Prashant Singh (PS)	Present
	Marie Millard (MM)	Present

Julia Adler (JA)

Present

		Summary of Actions:
Action #1:	Marie Millard (MM) Senior Communications Officer TMR	Ballot #1: MM held a vote about whether or not the TCWG wanted an accredited Visitor Information Centre (VIC) to be retained in Tiaro. MM noted Council may support and that Tracey Genrich had asked the group if it should go in the plan at the previous meeting and has been advised not to include it, so it is not currently in the plan. Action: Vote held: MM: Does the group want MM to let Tracey Genrich know that they want the "accredited Visitor Information Centre (VIC) to be retained in Tiaro" to be a priority in the Community Plan?? Result of vote: TCWG members unanimously voted in favour of MM letting Tracery Genrich know that they wanted the "accredited Visitor Information Centre (VIC) to be retained in Tiaro" to be included in the Community Plan. All 12 members, who were present at the meeting voted in the affirmative. Zero members dissented.
Action #2:	As above	Ballot #2: MM spoke about the need to establish a new sub-committee of the TCWG, called the "TCWG Signage Working Group" and called for nominations from the group. Action: Nominations called for Vote held Q) MM: Who wants to be on the signage working committee? Result of vote: Five people nominated: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 6

Action	As above	Commitments:
#3:		asked about the Environment Reports that TMR had committed to share with the group.
		asked if other information such as costings could also be shared when available.
		MM made a commitment to the group that TMR would distribute all relevant reports & overall costs, when information was
		available

Time	Presenter/Speaker	Meeting Agenda Item Discussion/ Questions/ Clarifications:	Action(s) & Task Owner
9am Meeting opens	Marie Millard (MM) Senior Communications Officer TMR	Agenda Items: 1. Welcome & housekeeping 2. Project overview 3. Project status 4. TMR/ TCWG responsibilities and input to date MM addressed questions from group. Q) TCWG member: asked MM to clarify a detail about the connections to the alignment: to make it clear, is it both ends [that the connections will be]? MM: Yes, both ends.	No actions
	Prashant Singh (PS) Project Manager TMR	Agenda Items: 5. Alignment options assessment 6. Future four-lane planning PS led a group discussion & addressed questions about the proposed Tiaro Bypass alignment from the group.	No actions
9:28am Morning Tea			
10:07am QandA session	Marie Millard (MM) Senior Communications Officer TMR Prashant Singh (PS) Project Manager TMR	PS and MM addressed questions about the proposed Tiaro Bypass alignment from the group. Q) TCWG member Q) Are we privy to see the heritage reports? (European and Aboriginal heritage) A) PS provided an explanation. A) MM advised TMR still had some consultation to complete, but would share the reports when they become available.	No actions

		Q) TCWG member:	
		Q) Is this (alignment) set in stone?	
		A) PS: Confirmed alignment is decided and will cater for the future four-laning, including interchanges.	
		asked questions and commented, as follows:	
		Tahiti Road intersection arrangement	
		Spoke about motorists using Bauple Rd to access to Tiaro.	
		How, in future, would traffic from Bauple Drive intersection access Tiaro.	
		 Would there be enough separation between the existing Bauple Dr and the new southern connection? 	
		A) PS:	
		The plan is to direct all the local road access to future four-lane upgrade interchange location.	
		Tahiti Rd is likely to be moved closer to the southern connection (to Tiaro). It would be built as an at-grade staggered T-intersection.	
		 As part of the two-lane bypass project, it is expected that no changes would be made to the existing Bauple Drive intersection. Access to Tiaro would be via at-grade intersection (southern connection) 	
		Enough separation will be maintained between the two intersections to ensure safety.	
10:15am	David Jorgensen (DJ)	Agenda Items:	No actions
	Principal Technologist TMR	7. Highway signage	300.0110
		8. Next steps	
		DJ explained TMR's signage guidelines (both National and State), including the rules and requirements	
		TMR must adhere to when developing or designing roadside signs and the possible signage designs for the	
		Tiaro Bypass, including the town's relationship to the State Strategic Touring Route (SSTR) alignment and linkages to Pacific Coast Way.	

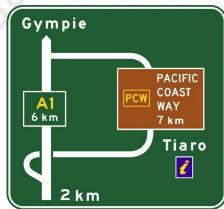
The concept signs being presented are those signs in addition to the standard white on green direction signs which will form part of this project and are primarily due to the presence of the SSTR, the accredited VIC, natural features and the existing Tiaro welcome signs.

DJ presented the group a range of "concept designs", including the following highway sign artwork:

Green Direction Signs



Sign #1: Northbound direction sign



Sign #2: Southbound direction sign

- Q) MM: Is signing the old highway through Tiaro as the PCW significant in terms of the additional signage options for Tiaro?
- A) DJ answered affirmatively, this approach is consistent with other bypasses or areas where the SSTR diverts from the main highway. Gatton, Toowoomba with the new range crossing and also on the Australia's Country Way (ACW) where the ACW diverts off the A3 and travels through Kingaroy, Murgon

and Wondai. These centres are similar to Tiaro, in that they all have and an accredited Visitor Information Centre (VIC) located within the towns.

The concept sign designs presented today, assume the accredited VIC will remain in Tiaro. The retention of the VIC in Tiaro allows TMR to consider signs under the SSTR sign revitalisation project guidelines, such as a white on brown, local tourist area hub sign I will present later. I have also used the image of Petrie Park for all the signs with images as I had this image on file for the existing Welcome to Tiaro sign. There is scope for different images to be used and TMR has image selection guidelines for images on roadside signs.

- Q) TCWG member: (
 - Q) Can you promote the VIC to the council (FCRC)?
 - A) DJ: The retention of the VIC in Tiaro is primarily a matter for the RTO, however the support of local council is also important.

MM - Although TMR has no direct influence over this decision, DJ has had an informal discussion with a Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) contact, about the importance of the accredited VIC from TMR's perspective, in relation to signage.

- Q) TCWG member (
 - Q) Can the signs be rectangle or square?

Can the design be a "sweep" [teardrop shape]?

It's the psychology of the visuals.

- A) DJ: It's flexible to a point.
 - This style of direction sign is a diagrammatic, however it is not meant to be map based or represent actual road geometry. In saying that, we can look at options to address your concerns.
- Q) TCWG member: (
 - Q) Is the "e-charging" symbol for electric cars available?

A) DJ: Yes

- Q) TCWG member: (a asked about the yellow and white "i" symbols for the VICs.
- A) DJ: Adding the VIC "i" is possible on roadside signs, however only the italic yellow "i" may be used on roadside signs. The use of the white roman "i" is limited to information bays only when used on roadside signs. The roman "i" may be used on buildings where tourist information is available (which is not an accredited VIC), but may not be used on roadside signs.

The addition of the yellow italic "i" on the diagrammatic concept sign is permitted but is an additional element on the sign which we did not do for the other bypassed town examples (Gatton, Toowoomba, and the Kingaroy, Murgon and Wondai link).

- Q) TCWG member: (commented, saying he doubted Council's ability to lobby for the accredited VIC (yellow "i" sign).
 - A) MM responded to who raised a doubt about Council's ability to lobby for the accredited VIC (yellow "i" sign).
 - A) MM: It's not the Council ... that is, they are not making the decision. The decision is being made by Fraser Coast Tourism and Events. You [the TCWG] need to put this in your [community] plan.

DJ presented next slide with a sign design concept, an example of "Natural Features" sign.

Brown Sign – Natural Features/ Heritage Features:

• Sign #3: Tiaro (EXIT 3km)



This sign is based on the guidelines for a local area tourist hub sign developed as part of the SSTR sign revitalisation project and allows for various natural features to be represented on the one sign for a local tourist area which has an accredited VIC.

DJ & MM led group discussion, with TCWG members calling out suggestions for the list of features on the Brown, tourist, "Natural Attractions" sign concept example (with image on RHS):

- The Mary River Turtle
- Wonky Bridge
- RV tourist park

DJ suggested other natural features could be included (including changing the image) such as:

- Development of a new lookout at the end of Walter Street overlooking the Funky Bridge (Mungar Road bridge) as a new tourist feature in town.
- Cycling and walking paths linking the natural attractions in Tiaro (Memorial Park, Lookout / Bridge, Mary River, and Petrie Park).
- Any other natural feature that could be developed prior to the bypass opening. The list provided on the example concept sign is just a guess at what may be possible.

TCWG member suggested promotion of the Macadamia trees, which can be seen at the north of the town and are a growing industry – replacing the sugar cane farms north of Tiaro:

- Macadamia Nuts/Bauple Nuts (native trees, in forest around Tiaro, upon entry)
- Tiaro will be the first stop/ entrance point for the Macadamia farms in future –we may have an opportunity to leverage this development.

DJ & MM led group discussion about the reason why motorists would want to stop in Tiaro. DJ spoke about the importance of "tying in the experience of the visit" to the signage. While signage is important, it is the experience and the quality of experience that travellers can have when visiting Tiaro which will determine the success or otherwise of any signage scheme.

Group discussion included comment from TCWG members as to:

why signage was "very important", and

• how signage "brings the whole project together" and the TCWG's "purpose together".

TCWG member (commented, suggesting the TCWG could consider tying in the "environmental" characteristics such as soil quality and organic produce.

DJ presented next slide with two signage concept artworks, as examples of "Priority Services" signs.

Blue Sign – Priority Services:

Sign #4: Tiaro (Exit 1km)

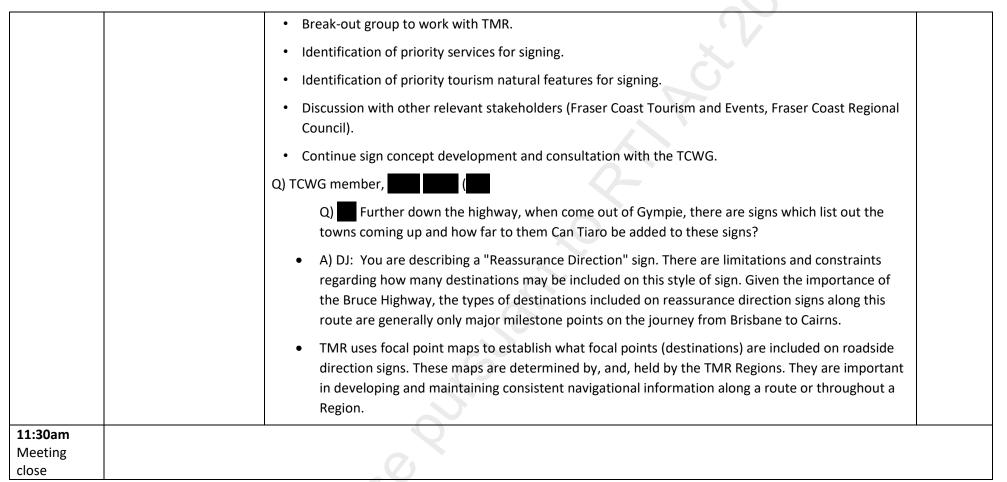


This is a new style concept sign developed for Tiaro, based on the concept of the welcome sign with an image and providing up to a maximum of six service symbols.

TMR will likely develop a new technical note or guideline for bypassed town signs based on the Tiaro experiences.

- Q) TCWG member, (asked questions and made suggestions:
 - Q) Instead of the "bed" [symbol on the signage], could we have a "caravan" symbol on the sign to represent the RV parking area?
 - spoke about the RV parking area's features and amenities for RV users and travellers: 48 hours [free] parking, etc.
 - A) DJ: Yes. The selection of which service symbols to be included is something that needs to be determined by the group, however the use of service symbols is subject to meeting the criteria in the TMR manuals for the display of the particular selected service symbols on roadside signs. On

		this concept, by way of an example, I have made a best guess on the service symbols likely to be included. Only standard approved symbols may be used on roadside signs.
		Blue Sign – Priority Services:
		Sign #5: Welcome to Tiaro
		Welcome to TIARO **Page 15
		DJ explained: this concept is based on the existing "Welcome to Tiaro" sign remaining in place and the bottom supplementary plate being replaced with a supplementary plate, which matches the service symbols on the highway service sign.
		If a new image is required, the project could consider replacing the compete sign.
		If the sign is to be replaced with a new one, there is the option of a tagline also being added to the Welcome sign.
		These taglines can be added to the "Welcome to Tiaro" sign:
		Gateway to XXXX XXXX
		Home of the XXXX XXXX
		Essentially a tag line or tourist slogan is a short statement of five or so words and is to be supported by the local government and RTO.
		DJ wrapped up the discussion about "Priority Services" signs.
11:15am	Marie Millard (MM) Senior Communications Officer	MM: presented the final slide of the presentation: "next steps", asked the TCWG members to vote on a number of actions, and closed the meeting.
	TMR	Next steps:



Date of next meeting:

A signage group meeting will take place on Wednesday 2 September, from 9:00am to 11:30am at the John Horrex Room, Tiaro Community District Centre, Tiaro. This meeting will be organised by TMR for the six members of the TCWG's Signage Working Group.

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MINUTES – TIARO COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

MEETING No. 4 – 7 October, 2020

Community Working Group		Others	
	Present	Articulous – Facilitator/Chair	Present
	Present Present Present	Tracey Genrich (TG), FCRC – Project Manager	Present
	Apology Present	Jarrod Delahunty (JD), FCRC – Principal Economic Development Officer	Present
	Apology Present Present	Marie Millard (MM), DTMR – Senior Communications Officer	Present
	Apology Apology Present	Julia Adler (JA), DTMR – Communications Officer	Present
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Introduction, Welcome,		.0	Actions:
Overview, TCWG meeting			NIL
#3 review			
Review of previous		Minutes of meeting #3 – held on 22 July 2020:	Actions:
meeting (agenda,		 Minutes accepted by group. 	NIL
comments, actions,			
minutes)		Status of actions from 22 July 2020 meeting discussed:	

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		 FCRC to design a program of services to support Tiaro businesses, based on local needs - TG confirmed action is underway; JD (FCRC) to discuss further during meeting. TG to request information from group on \$230k COVID funding ideas, including priorities – TG confirmed this occurred. TCWG members surveyed. TG to develop community consultation proposal for consideration by group – TG confirmed this has occurred. To be discussed further at meeting today. MM to arrange TMR briefing on alignment for group on 19 August 2020 – MM confirmed this has occurred; meeting held 19 August 2020. 	
Community Development – Update – Next meeting	Jarrod Delahunty	JD provided update to the group about program of services/economic development activities, to support local businesses: • Workshop to be held on Thursday 29 October, from 2.30pm to 5pm (formal, facilitated workshop) following by informal drop in session from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. • Opportunity for businesses from Tiaro to tell the council what support they need to boost sustainability and capacity/skills and allow progress for the bypass going through. FCRC will also provide guidance to businesses to assist them with identifying their needs. • Jarrod asked for feedback and said the focus would be on businesses – not the general public.	Actions: Workshop time and date agreed to by the group and confirmed. - Workshop to be held on Thursday 29 October, from 2.30pm to 5pm Formal meeting, held on Thursday 29 October, from 6pm to 7pm.

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		 The workshop would address the theme of business innovation (e.g. business development, address loss of jobs from bypass, build upon existing base of successful businesses with local patronage and/or potential to retain passing trade) spoke: Tiaro needs a certain amount of traffic, outside of the locals, because there are retail businesses that require the [traffic]. commented: How are you going to be advertising? Maybe 6pm would be a better time for the meeting, given standard business hours are until 5.30pm. 	
Results of Engagement Hub survey: Refer to Slide #6, onwards		presented a PowerPoint containing the results of a survey of TCWG about key projects and proposals for inclusion in the Community Plan (Attachment 1 – Slide 6). • Survey emailed to TCWG members Monday 7 September 2020 • 10 responses received – analysis is based on these responses. explained there would be opportunities during the session to remove or modify proposals following discussion with the group. Discussion of:	Actions: Q1. & TG to: merge the content in draft visions statements 3, 4 and 5 options into one, single refined vision statement.

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		 What is a "destination town". (e.g. promotion of unique/special features, marketing) What is a vision statement? Q1. Ranking of the Draft vision statements	
Tiaro Community Plan – Group brainstorm Refer to Slide #25, onwards		Broad discussion of proposed projects and initiatives on the wall-to-wall layouts, under key themes. (Four x A0 posters) - TCWG members provided clarification of some proposed projects. - TCWG members and discussed rationalisation of projects/removal of duplication (of projects and initiatives) - Community Centre accessibility removed as group noted this project had already been completed. Group requested change to increase numbers of police, to be increase number of support staff and QPS vehicles. Streetscaping (pot plants, painted bins and so on): - noted the concept of streetscaping/beatification might be well supported, but some of proposals may not (e.g hanging pot plants). Greater online presence/marketing: - noted the importance of connecting Tiaro online to other existing, relevant marketing platforms — e.g. Tiaro needs to feature on Tourism Queensland's online and social media platforms.	Actions: NIL
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		 put forward an idea to have free Wi-Fi in the township and a marketing app for tourist attractions and services available in the town. suggested a QR scan code to make it easy for visitors to access information about local services, facilities and products. suggested that there still needed to be broader, targeted marketing campaigns & economic development initiatives to draw people in (e.g Facebook geotargeting). The group agreed that existing community events should be included in any marketing campaign to promote Tiaro events to out-of-towners and draw people into Tiaro. Suggestions were made about reviving old events that such as the fishing competitions and canoe races, that would help promote the local natural features and attractions the community wants to celebrate publicly (e.g the Mary River). The group agreed to the suggestion of a group member that there should be an upgrade of Disabled Toilets in main street. 	
Group work: Signature Projects. Refer to Slide #28		led a workshop with the group, asking them to list the projects that were most important to them, individually. asked the group: What does most important mean? The group created a shortlist of Signature/Important projects, using post-it notes and sticky dots	Actions: and TG to review outcomes of group work and prepare survey to test broader community sentiment about the identified projects/proposals for inclusion in the Community Plan.

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		Group agreed that the Visitor centre should remain in its current/existing location. Group work #1: The group discussed the following questions: Q) What are the most important projects/ideas to be achieved by the opening of the bypass in 2024? • Each TCWG member had 5 post-it notes. • Each were asked to place their post-it notes on the posters to indicate which of the projects/ideas are their choice to answer this question • When they place their post-it notes, they write the reference number on the post-it notes • ** If there is no clear outcome about the 'top 5', then the group is asked to do the exercise again, this time focussing on those projects/ideas that got the attracted meaningful numbers of post-its. • When all the post-it notes are placed, the group discusses the outcomes, and agrees on the 'top 5 projects/ideas to be achieved by 2024' • The group then discusses who the key stakeholders are for implementing each of the 'top 5' Q) What does 'most important' mean? Any/all of the following: • Best defence against the impacts of the bypass • Best bang-for-buck	Action: DTMR MM to obtain report on electronic vehicl destination charging stations.
		Best for businessWill attract the most visitors	

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		 Easiest to implement Greatest long-term benefit for Tiaro Will unite and inspire the Tiaro community Mostly likely to get FCRC or State Government or Federal Government support and funding Easiest, quickest, simplest one to be completed by end 2024 The group created a shortlist of Signature/Important projects, using post-it notes and sticky dots Initiative: "Planning for Development". 1.1 Increase residential development – 100 to 200 houses. 1.2 Tertiary sewerage treatment plant. Later in the meeting, Raised the issue of building a town sewerage plant. 	
		TG: suggested an expert could come to an upcoming meeting and brief the TCWG about the feasibility of a new sewerage plant. The group agreed to link this priority project to the initiative: "Planning for Development". 2. Initiative: "New and Upgraded Infrastructure" Upgrade the Visitor Centre. • Visitor Centre to stay in town. • "We want to keep what we have got, where it is."	

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		 Initiative: "Town Centre key land purchases for new facilities" Purchase strategic land parcels of residential development for carparking and additional community facilities. Previous Tiaro Shire Council Works Depot to be reopened as a permanent FCRC Works Depot with works staff to be based in Tiaro. Initiative: "More parking" More and improved signage indicating where parking is located. Free RV camping and increase the capacity of the existing RV facilities Develop extra parking in Kooringa Road, both sides of the road and encourage people to use lane behind library. Initiative: "Improvements to Mayne Street" Beautification: Plant trees, pot plants, permanent garden bins to have decorative skins and so on. Initiative: "New or upgraded recreation and community facilities" Remove Kerbing in camping area and re-arrange to take more vehicles — RV site. Establish a free-standing community notice board. Install Christmas lights. 	

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Community Survey – Info we need about the respondents?	Tracey Genrich	7.1 Stage annual events similar to the Goomeri Pumpkin festival; Many River Turtle Festival; Old Coach Road Horse Festival. 7.2 Create/collate current events/ festivals. Discussion about electronic vehicle charging station. MM noted there appeared to be different opinions about EV charging and if it should be installed by local govt or by businesses – there had been a trial in North Queensland of destination charging (slow charging) and she would try to get a copy of the report for the group. TG explained to the group that the list of priority projects – and everything listed on the wall posters would be presented to the Tiaro District community, as part of an online survey, available through the community hub. TG said she's put together a draft survey and would send to the TCWG for review, prior to the survey being finalised for release in November 2020. TG asked the group to respond quickly to the email with the draft survey questions. TG stated that if she did not hear from any members of the working group, she would assume that a member's silence would mean agreement/no changes/ no issues with the survey.	Actions: TG to send draft survey to TCWG members. TCWG members to respond to survey by deadline.
COVID Project Update	Tracey Genrich	TG spoke about the grant of \$230k that was given to the FCRC for community-based projects.	Actions: TG will come back to the TCWG with an
Refer to Slide #36			update on progress of the agreement of

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		TG provided a summary of the three projects that were shortlisted for council approval. TG told councillors she had consulted with the TCWG about how best to spend the money, and the group had decided on a shortlist of three projects. Councillors provided "in-principle" agreement for all three projects, subject to costings. If the three projects can fit within the budget of \$230k, then all of the projects can go ahead.	councillors to approve/disapprove the three projects. The update will be provided, after Councillors meet at the next council meeting at the end of October 2020.
		TG will come back to the TCWG with an update on progress.	
TMR Signage Group Activity	Marie Millard	MM: provided an overview of the TCWG signage group's first meeting. noted that one of the attendees at the Tiaro Landcare meeting was under the impression TMR was constructing overpass bridges and not t-intersections as part of the current project scope. MM agreed to phone the stakeholder and clear up any confusion. MM confirmed the eventual four-lane bypass would have grade-separated interchanges, but the current two-lane bypass scope had at-grade (T-intersections) intersections.	Action: MM to contact Marilyn form Tiaro Landcare group to clarify T-intersections.
Next steps and close	Tracey Genrich	TG and advised the working group to:	Actions:
Close of meeting		 Look at the Engagement Hub to keep up to date with background information that is being 	TG to send invite to group advising of the date and time of the next meeting.

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		uploaded, and conversations that are being posted by Group members. • Direct any Ideas and questions on matters relevant to the bypass to Marie Millard at the Dept of Transport and Main Roads and those about the community plan to Tracey Genrich at the Council • Use the members' connections with local organisations to encourage them to facilitate promotion of the broader community engagement • Upload the presentations made at this meeting to the Engagement Hub as information for the Group • Prepare and issue draft minutes of this meeting with the papers for the next meeting • Prepare a general update for the community and upload it to the Council's website (public side of Engagement Hub) and TMR's project website • Review COVID-19 restrictions for the next and subsequent meetings. Based on comments from the group, next meeting date was discussed to be held late November/ early December 2020.	TG, to consider what could be done between now and next group session to progress some of the ideas/initiatives for 2020.

Meeting closed at 4.15pm

From: Marie L Millard <

Sent: Wednesday 5 February 2020 4:18 PM

To: Tracey Genrich

Subject: Tiaro Chamber of Commerce meeting - presentation by TMR

Hi Tracey

The Tiaro Chamber of Commerce has invited TMR to deliver a presentation to them on the TFIU project on Tuesday 18 February at 7pm. The presentation will likely be delivered by my District Director and has not yet been approved (I'll send you a copy as soon as it is for your info), but it will cover off on:

- Project drivers
- Project scope
- Project status
- Next steps this will include advice about the working group and working collaboratively with council.

I expect I'll will get asked a few questions about where we are at with the formation of the working group so I'll touch base with you closer to the meeting date for an update so I can respond to the questions. There may also be some questions about the Community Plan including what is involved in developing the plan and what sort of topics it covers. I am happy to suggest that the participants talk directly with you regarding the Community Planning process, but thought I would mention the preso and meeting to you in case you decide you would like to come along? If so, I'll leave it up to you to discuss with the Chamber –let me know what you decide. Kind regards,

Marie Millard

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Sent: 24 April 2020 11:00

To: [mail to:mark.doonar@articulous.com.au]

CC: Tracey Genrich [mail to:Tracey.Genrich@frasercoast.qld.gov.au]

Subject: RE: Design principles - examples

Hi Mark thanks

I had been thinking it would be more high-level, like a statement of priorities and then some over-arching principles for TMR to consider, e.g:

The key priorities for the Tiaro community include:

- promoting Tiaro as (1) a stopping place on the way to a destination (thereby retaining a portion of passing trade for local business); (b) a destination in itself; (c) a desirable place to live
- attracting new development that will bring jobs and growth in the residential population
- protecting the interests of existing local businesses.

In order to assist Tiaro to achieve these priorities, TMR should:

- give consideration to the Tiaro community's key priorities throughout the development of the design. These include:
- as a high priority, ensure connections to Tiaro provide efficient and convenient access to the township
- provide opportunities for the signage that (1) highlights the goods and services that are attractive to passing motorists and will help entice motorists to stop at the township (2) encourages tourism/promotes the township as a destination
- achieve as much visibly of the township as possible from the new highway, whilst still protecting proposed future residential development from amenity impacts (given residential growth is also a priority)
- consult the working group and Tiaro community throughout the development of the design to: (a) ensure the Community priorities are being considered; (b) allow the working group to share ideas with TMR about design features that could assist in achieving the community's priorities, as the working group gathers more information from experts about how best to achieve those priorities; (c) allow the broader community to provide feedback on the draft design for the new highway, prior to it being finalised.

(e.g

the group will not be designing the highway, or key features like the interchanges, as the designers will be the best persons to determine the configurations for interchanges and to consider factors such as compatibility with future four-laning, meeting the needs of the community in terms of being efficient and providing convenient access to the township, having the least impact on land owners, having the least impact on the environment, complying with road design standards). The above high-level principles are things TMR's designers can keep in the mind the whole time while **they** are designing the new highway.

TMR will then consult the group about specific negotiables and the group can put specific ideas to us, after hearing from us about the constraints and opportunities associated with each negotiable, so they understand what we can do with their feedback and how much it can influence our decision making. E.g the connections to Tiaro – there are two options on the table only, the interchanges will be designed by the designers not he community, and the designer will decide the best configuration, whilst considering the community's desire for the access to be efficient and for motorists to be able to travel in all directions.

Any other ides that don't relate to specific project negotiables (e, g signage at Gympie and Maryborough) can and should of course also be put to us as the group generates those ideas.

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Sent: Friday, 24 April 2020 9:38 AM

To: Marie L Millard **Cc:** Tracey Genrich

Subject: Re: Design principles - examples

G'day Marie

Top of the head thoughts....

- significant entry/exit interchanges north and south of Tiaro, and within 1km of the centre of Tiaro
- interchanges allow for all turns (to capture exiting traffic that has driven past the 'entry' interchange)
- align the lateral and vertical highway approaches to Tiaro to provide direct lines of sight to the town centre and/or landmarks in the town place information/community/commercial signage at these points
- configure the interchanges so that town entry off ramps are straight lines of sight into the town and the bypass is a clear deviation from the current highway alignment
- extend the 'x km to Tiaro' suite of signage to significant highway interchanges in Gympie (esp the Gympie Bypass) and Maryborough
- upgrade at least one of the current highway sections into/out of Tiaro to provide Q100+ guaranteed 24hr flood free access/egress from the town centre to the hwy
- Amend the FCRC planning scheme to specifically prohibit commercial, retail, hospitality, tourist, travel centres, truck stops, etc from any site with direct or easy access/egress from/to the highway 5km north and south of the bypass interchanges (so as to enhance the viability of exiting businesses and channel new development into the town)

Hope these thoughts assist

Regards

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From: Marie L Millard

Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 8:49:48 AM

To: mark.doonar@articulous.com.au>

Cc: Tracey Genrich Tracey.Genrich@frasercoast.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Design principles - examples

Hi Mark

Would you mind sending me some examples of the types of "design principles" the working group could come up with to help guide decision making on TFIU? I'm quite keen on this idea, but I want to ensure I understand exactly what we are talking about and that I speak to my Proj Mgr about it as well.

If you can send me an example of some principles that would be very helpful.

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Genrich [mail to:Tracey.Genrich@frasercoast.qld.gov.au]

CC: Gerard Carlyon [mail to:Gerard.Carlyon@frasercoast.qld.gov.au] **Subject:** RE: Tiaro Bypass - Notification of Future State-Controlled Road

Thanks Jamie

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From: James Cockburn

Sent: Thursday 21 May 2020 9:19 AM

To: Davendra Naidu; Damion Beety; John Mclennan; Tracey Genrich

Cc: Gerard Carlyon

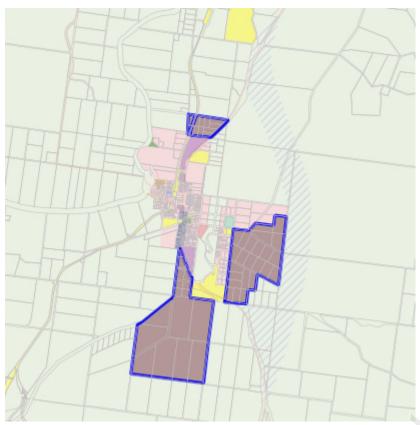
Subject: RE: Tiaro Bypass - Notification of Future State-Controlled Road

Hi All,

There are no planning objections to the proposed bypass as provided by the proposed corridor gazettal area. Planning comment;

The proposed corridor is situated to the east and adjoining land zoned for low density residential and rural residential development. This activation of this land would be a catalytic in establishing sustainable economic and community services. Compliant development of this land would be dependent upon suitable acoustic treatment of the road corridor in this area and given the low market returns for development in the area, it is likely that the costs of acoustic treatment as part of development would render development unviable. It is requested that acoustic treatments be provided to meet current standards for that area adjoining those areas currently zoned low density and rural residential as per the following diagram;

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From: Davendra Naidu Davendra.Naidu@frasercoast.gld.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday 19 May 2020 9:11 PM

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Cc: Damion Beety <u>Damion.Beety@frasercoast.qld.gov.au</u>>; John Mclennan <u>John.Mclennan@frasercoast.qld.gov.au</u>>;

Tracey Genrich Tracey.Genrich@frasercoast.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Tiaro Bypass - Notification of Future State-Controlled Road

Hi Jamie

See attached DTMR's notification on the Tiaro Bypass.

Do you have any issues or concerns from a planning perspective that should be raised with DTMR at this stage before I provide a no objection response?

Also, note the requirement to refer to DTMR any DA that may affect the defined road corridor.

Davendra Naidu

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From: Prashant M Singh

Sent: Monday 18 May 2020 12:17 PM

To: Davendra Naidu <u>Davendra.Naidu@frasercoast.qld.gov.au</u>>

Subject: RE: Tiaro Bypass - Notification of Future State-Controlled Road

Hi Davendra,

Please find attached the copies of the documents as requested.

These were posted to FCRC on 8th May. Thanks

Kind regards

Prashant Singh

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From: Davendra Naidu Davendra.Naidu@frasercoast.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 18 May 2020 10:59 AM

To: Prashant M Singh

Subject: RE: Tiaro Bypass - Notification of Future State-Controlled Road

Hi Prashant

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Sent: Monday 18 May 2020 9:33 AM

To: Davendra Naidu <u>Davendra.Naidu@frasercoast.qld.gov.au</u>> **Subject:** Tiaro Bypass - Notification of Future State-Controlled Road

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If you need any information in relation to the notification or the project please give me a call. Thanks Kind regards

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To: Donald J Turner [mail to:
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Delahunty [mail to:],Louise Knol [mail to:]
Subject: Minutes - Tiaro Opportunities Network meeting 1
Good afternoon everyone
Thanks again for your participation today. Please find some notes below from our meeting. Please let me know if I
have missed, or misinterpreted anything. Also, I've dubbed us the "Tiaro Opportunities Network (TON)" for easy reference, but please feel free to offer an alternative name suggestion ©
Introductions
□. Don Turner and Marie Millard – Communications Officers for TMR, working on the Tiaro bypass. Don to take
over Communications role from early June 2020.
 □. Shelley Jackson – Stakeholder Engagement Officer for Dept of Premiers (Office of Rural and Regional Qld) □. John Suthers – Regional Director, Department of Employment, Small Business and Training
□. Louise Knol – Regional Director, DSDMIP
□. Jarrod Delahunty - Economic Development Manager, Fraser Coast Regional Council
Tracey Genrich – Community Development and Engagement Manager, Fraser Coast Regional Council Burness of mosting
Purpose of meeting
- Tiaro bypass announced November 2019
- Likely impacts and opportunities for Tiaro
 A collaborative response form the state govt is necessary to support the community to harness opportunities and offset impacts
 Objective of the meeting is to have an initial informal brainstorm about the types of services each
agency can offer to assist Tiaro to prepare for and respond to the bypass, followed by discussion on
how to connect Tiaro to those services.
Ideas discussion□. Participants discussed initial ideas regarding services and opportunities for Tiaro including:
- targeted training for business operators to assist with business refocus and marketing
- assistance with developing strategic partnerships with other regional centres to gain better access
to niche tourism markets (e.g for food or heritage trails)
 support with harnessing supply chain opportunities from the construction of the bypass

 Participants discussed the need for community planning process to consider the bypass, but not be dominated by it, and discussed the need to pull in other services that will support community and economic

economic development plan (As part of the Community Planning process)

expert advice from town bypass expert.

development including NDIS, health provision (aged care related and so on), adjustment to planning schemes to support residential growth etc.

Connecting Tiaro to services:

٦.	Participants discussed the timing of provision of information to the community about the services available
	from state govt agencies, and opportunities for delivery of the information (e.g via a forum or open house
	and possibly a mix of online and physical interactions).

- □. Tracey Genrich explained the composition and role of the Tiaro Community Working Group and advised the group would provide initial input to TMR on the bypass at a meeting on 1 June and would having preliminary discussion about the community and economic plan for Tiaro at a second meeting in late June/early July. The group would likely agree a vision for Tiaro and some initial objectives at this second meeting.
- □. Marie explained the time-frames for the Tiaro bypass project draft design to be complete in late 2020/early 2021, detailed design to take a further 12 months (completion early 2022), construction to take two years (tbc), with opening in 2024. The alignment and connections to Tiaro need to be determined now. Although desirable to confirm other features, such as signage, landscaping, entrance statements earlier, these can be looked at as late as during the detailed design if necessary.
- ☐. Participants agreed further discussions about the format for provision of information on state govt services, should be held over until after the second meeting of the Tiaro Community Working Group.

Next meeting:

□. Next meeting is to be scheduled for July 2020 (after the Tiaro community Working Group's second meeting), to explore these ideas further and to discuss how the services can be promoted to the Tiaro community.

Actions:

- ☐. Marie Millard to share presentation by Dr Bruno Parolin (town bypass expert) with the TON
- ☐. Marie Millard to obtain Dr Parolin's Best Practice Guide and the Kempsey Shire Council bypass strategy with the TON
- \Box . Tracey Genrich to share the Tiaro Community Working Group meeting agenda's with the TON

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CC: Gerard Carlyon [mail to:Gerard.Carlyon@frasercoast.qld.gov.au] **Subject:** FW: Tiaro Bypass - Notification of Future State-Controlled Road

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From: Prashant M Singh

Sent: Friday 19 June 2020 10:55 AM

To: Davendra Naidu

Cc: Hendrik W Roux; Marie L Millard

Subject: RE: Tiaro Bypass - Notification of Future State-Controlled Road

Hi Davendra,

Thanks for Council's support for the proposed gazettal process.

Council's comment in regards to potential noise issues and treatment is noted.

TMR is currently in the process of assessing alignment options for the proposed bypass. Depending on the location of the final alignment, TMR will undertake necessary acoustic assessment and provided suitable treatment where necessary as per the current standards for the area likely to be impacted.

TMR acknowledge the importance of development of the adjacent land currently zoned as low density rural residential for growth of Tiaro and will work closely with council to protect amenity for future development of this area.

Kind regards

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Sent: Monday, 25 May 2020 11:23 AM

To: Prashant M Singh **Cc:** Hendrik W Roux

Subject: FW: Tiaro Bypass - Notification of Future State-Controlled Road

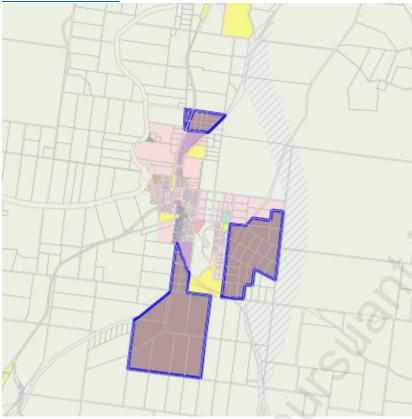
Hi Prashant

With reference to the Bruce Highway Tiaro Bypass documentation, Council has no objection to the proposed gazettal of future state-controlled road as shown in the notification and draft road declaration plan. However, please note the comments made by Council's Development Assessment staff below.

Planning comment

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From: Marie L Millard <

Sent: Tuesday 9 June 2020 2:55 PM

**To:** Tracey Genrich

Cc: Hailey Cosh Rickard; Donald J Turner; tfiu

**Subject:** Enquiry from

#### Hi Tracey

Response to enquiry on Engagement Hub from use is below. Would you mind posting this for us (or did you want me to do that)?

Hi

Great question. The answer is yes, TMR does consider noise impacts for nearby residents when building new roads or upgrading existing ones. We have a Transport Noise Management Code of Practice that we follow and it contains guidelines for assessing noise impacts, determining whether noise treatments should be installed and also identifying which noise treatments are most appropriate at different locations. You can find the Code of Practice and further information here:

https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Technical-standards-publications/Transport-noise-management-code-of-practice

We don't usually do noise assessments until the detailed design phase of a project. However, we are considering the potential impacts of the new highway on nearby residents right now, as one of many considerations in selecting the new highway alignment. We'll be briefing the working group on the alignment once it is selected and we have consulted directly impacted land-owners. At that time, we'll be able to explain how we balanced the different considerations, including impacts on nearby residents.

**Enquiry:** 

Abatement from the high bypass. Living on the earling side of Tiaro and hearing transport trucks approafrom the North and drive through Tiaro I consider there should be some earling trucks passing Tiaro should be reduced or abated a together. Does the development of the high consider the level of Transport for the le

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Sent: 15 July 2020 15:39

To: Tracey Genrich [mail to:Tracey.Genrich@frasercoast.qld.gov.au]

**CC:** tfiu [mail to:tfiu@tmr.qld.gov.au]

Subject: FYI - Background information on Tiaro bypass decision

From: tfiu

Sent: Wednesday, 15 July 2020 3:38 PM

To:

Subject: Background information on Tiaro bypass decision

Good afternoon

I'm just going through some actions from the last Tiaro Community Working Group meeting and one of the tasks was for me to provide you with some information (off-line) about the Tiaro bypass decision and confirm for you that the decision has been made. Mark tasked me with this after receiving your survey response, which included the comment

I hope you've had a chance to view the background presentation from my Regional Director. It provides some good background, including an explanation of the bypass decision. I'll send you a link to it just in case you haven't seen it yet.

The project team understands working group members will have a range of views about the bypass decision. However, the group was formed in response to the bypass decision and the purpose of the group (as described in the Terms of Reference), is to:

- deliberate and produce a Community Plan for Tiaro that will realise the social and economic potential of Tiaro, including but not limited to, identification of opportunities associated with the bypass to be constructed as part fo the Tiaro bypass project
- provide input into the development of the drat design for the bypass project, on behalf of the Tiaro community.

I hope this helps clarify things. Feel free to call me if you require further information.

Kind regards,

Marie Millard

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Sent: 22 August 2020 13:49



**CC:** Tracey Genrich [mail to:Tracey.Genrich@frasercoast.qld.gov.au]

Subject: Frequently Asked Questions and flood information

### Good afternoon TCWG members

TMR has received some enquiries that may be of interest to all of you. I've included the enquiries and responses in the attached Frequently Asked Questions document.

I've also attached a factsheet to help explain how the bypass will improve access to Tiaro during different flood events.

If you want more information about any of the things, please call me on the project free-call number (1800 776 237).

Kind regards,

Marie Millard

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### What is the role of the Tiaro Community Working Group?

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) formed the Tiaro Community Working Group to:

- deliberate and produce a Community Plan for Tiaro that will realise the social and economic potential of Tiaro, including but not limited to, identification of opportunities associated with the bypass to be constructed as part of the Tiaro Bypass project
- provide input into the development of the draft design for the bypass project, on behalf of the Tiaro community.

### Who is on the group and why?

The working group comprises 15 community members, including a mix of business operators and residents, who are volunteering their own time to work on two identified projects (the Community Plan and the Tiaro Bypass).

Seventeen nominations were originally received from the community for the group. All nominations were accepted by FCRC, with the understanding:

- some members would withdraw from the group within the first couple of months. This is typical of volunteer based working groups and the anticipated reduction in numbers has occurred. Experience tells us there will probably be even further reductions
- the nominees were representative of a good cross-section of the community, with the
  exception of some minority groups such as Traditional Owners and youth, who did not
  nominate for the working group. These groups can be consulted separately during the
  development of the projects
- all nominees were enthusiastic volunteers who self-nominated to participate.

The group has many progressive thinkers with an excellent breadth of experience and local knowledge, including, but not limited to: business operations/management, grant writing, persons from pioneering families with a long-standing connection to, and understanding of the area, former politicians, an historian and a road engineer.

### Why was an independent chair engaged to facilitate the meetings? Why wasn't the group asked to appoint their own chairperson?

TMR and FCRC procured an independent chair to run the TCWG meetings. The objectives were to ensure meetings would run professionally and efficiently, and that meeting participants would be encouraged to voice a diversity of views and feel safe to do so.

While the group members have a shared goal of seeing Tiaro develop and prosper, the members also have different interests and ideas about how to achieve that goal. Electing a group member to chair meetings would likely have unintended consequences, including discontent from members who may perceive the chair to be pursuing their own agenda.

TMR and FCRC are open to TCWG members having more involvement in the planning of the TCWG sessions and the interactions that occur in between sessions using Engagement Hub surveys or discussions. This could be achieved by having the group members contribute ideas about what they want to get out each session, online survey or interaction, and agree on an agenda and objectives in advance. It would be necessary to ensure that the overall project objectives of producing a Community Plan in late 2020 and providing input into and feedback on the bypass design, are still achieved.

### Can working group members work on other priorities, objectives or projects?

Yes. If any members want to volunteer additional time to work on other projects, they are welcome to do that. TMR and FCRC only have funding to pay for venues, catering, stationary, a facilitator and other miscellaneous items for the working group to work on the Community Plan and Tiaro bypass projects though, so the group must work on those projects during the planned facilitated sessions.

### Can the Tiaro Community Working Group talk to the media?

Yes - we encourage the working group to use the media to provide updates to the community on the group's progress and achievements.

The Terms of Reference document does not preclude the working group from releasing media statements. However, there are some key points to note:

- all comments should be attributed to the group as a whole (individuals should not be making comments on behalf of the group)
- the group should not make assumptions about decisions that are have not yet been made or determined, when talking to the media
- TMR and FCRC will receive media enquiries when the working group releases media statements. We therefore ask that you give us a heads-up on the media activities you are planning.

The state, federal and local governments will also release media statements about the progress of the projects on a semi-regular basis. The working group may want to leverage some of those media events or statements to promote their activities (where reasonable). We can discuss this further as the opportunities arise.

### What are the Department of Transport and Main Roads' responsibilities and commitments to, the Tiaro Community Working Group?

TMR has committed to:

- keeping the working group informed of the project's progress
- actively seeking the working group's input into and feedback on, the draft design of the new highway
- explaining decisions that the working group is not directly involved in
- looking for other opportunities (not directly related to the bypass design) to help the Tiaro community achieve its desired outcomes.

TMR will also need to consult other relevant stakeholders, such as directly impacted landowners and the broader Tiaro community, and adhere to the organisations' policies, guidelines and funding requirements when developing the design.

### Why hasn't TMR's Project Manager attended all TCWG meetings?

TMR has had two bypass specific meetings with the working group to date. The first meeting was held on 1 June 2020 and was opened by TMR's Regional Director, and attended by the District Director/Project Director, Project Manager, Cultural Heritage Officer, Environmental Officer and Communications Officer, all of whom presented to the group and participated in a question and answer session. TMR's design consultant was also invited to observe the meeting and take note of the views, opinions and concerns of working group members, for consideration during development of the design.

The second bypass specific meeting was held on 19 August 2020, and discussed the bypass alignment and signage options with the working group. This meeting was attended by the Project Manager and the technical officers who are developing the signage plans for the new highway and the Communications Officer.

FCRC has also arranged Community Planning focussed meetings with the working group members. FCRC invites TMR to attend these meetings as an observer, and TMR's Communications Officer has attended and provided the Project Manager with advice about discussions that are relevant to the bypass project.

### Has TMR ever asked Dr Bruno Parolin to send his responses to TMR for checking, or has TMR ever directed Dr Parolin to respond to questions in any particular way?

No. Dr Parolin has never been coaxed or influenced by TMR, or directed to respond to any stakeholder in any particular way.

TMR engaged Dr Parolin to provide learnings about other bypass projects that could be of relevance to Tiaro. Dr Parolin was selected because he is a leading expert on bypasses, and because his research was referred to in a submission opposing the bypass (suggesting he had some credibility amongst some working group members).

Dr Parolin's key messages for Tiaro included confirmation that businesses would suffer in the short-term and should be prepared for this, however the town would ultimately survive, and the town's recovery would be much faster with sufficient planning, and with buy-in from relevant stakeholders (including government agencies).

Dr Parolin recently responded to an email from a project stakeholder that contained questions relevant to his research, as well some assumptions and accusations that were not directly relevant to Dr Parolin's research. Dr Parolin sent his response to TMR and FCRC for checking, and later clarified that he wanted to confirm that TMR and FCRC were satisfied that he had not attempted to answer questions about matters that he felt should be responded to by TMR and/or local government.

### What type of input can the TCWG have into the highway design?

At the bypass meeting with the TCWG on 1 June 2020, TMR confirmed that the design work for the highway would be completed by engineers. TMR also explained the working group's role would involve providing advice about key outcomes they would like to achieve from the design.

The TCWG identified their highest priority outcomes for TMR's consideration as follows: (1) efficient connections to the township (to encourage visitation) and (2) extensive highway signage, to promote the township to motorists.

TMR committed to providing two connections to the township, one north and one south, both of which will support travel in all directions. The TCWG has confirmed they support this approach.

A signage strategy will be developed in consultation with the TCWG, with a focus on promoting local features/attractions identified by the TCWG. There will be limitations and opportunities, and these will be discussed in detail with the group.

The working group has also identified several other priorities for consideration during development of the design. These relate to things like accessibility (for example ensuring B-Double access is maintained for existing roads, not severing local roads), safety (ensuring existing road safety issues such as the Wilsons Road intersection are addressed) and community development (minimising impacts on current and potential future residential areas and preservation of local features), as well as others.

TMR will continue to act on input provided by the working group and will seek the working group's feedback on the draft design, once developed.

### Will TMR conduct an economic Impact Assessment of the bypass?

TMR agrees that small businesses in Tiaro would benefit significantly from understanding their current customer base, including what percentage comprises passing motorists, why they are stopping, who isn't stopping and why, and what changes may be needed to attract the same or new customers in a post-bypass environment. This is a business planning exercise.

In its enabling role, TMR sought advice from FCRC and the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training about services these organisations could provide to assist business operators in Tiaro with this exercise. FCRC had already planned to work with local business and DESBT to identify and then deliver services for Tiaro businesses which would support them with preparing for the bypass.

### Will the bypass improve access to Tiaro during flood events?

The bypass will not only improve flood protection of the Bruce Highway, it will also significantly improve access to Tiaro during flooding. A factsheet is attached explaining how Tiaro can be accessed during different flood events, once the bypass is in place.

### Will TMR compensate business owners for loss of trade?

TMR has no authority to compensate business owners if traffic volumes reduce through Tiaro, and also has no authority to charge business owners if traffic volumes increase through Tiaro.

We understand there will be short-term economic impacts, coupled with medium to long term economic benefit. We also know there are new opportunities associated with bypass projects and that the amount of preparation or adjustment undertaken can influence the economic outcome.

Although we cannot fund economic or community development projects or deliver small business training, we have adopted an enabling role that involves connecting Tiaro to other agencies who can assist with these services. As part of our enabling role, TMR is working in partnership with local government and other state government agencies to support the community with harnessing opportunities from the bypass project, and other developments and trends.

## Bruce Highway – Tiaro Flood Immunity Upgrade (Tiaro Bypass) Flood improvements for Tiaro

### How will the Tiaro Bypass improve access to Tiaro during flood events?

The Tiaro Bypass will not eliminate flooding issues at Tiaro, but it will significantly improve access to Tiaro during flood events. There will also be more options for travel, using the two bypass connections (one north and one south of the town) in different flood events and in the worst case scenario of a once in a century major flood occurring, the amount of time that Tiaro is cut off will reduce from about 68.8hrs to around 5.7hrs.

The table below provides further advice on the different flood situations in Tiaro and travel options before and after the bypass is built. If you have any questions about this information or want help to understand the travel options, please feel free to contact the project team on 1800 776 237 or email <a href="mailto:tiu@tmr.qld.gov.au">tiu@tmr.qld.gov.au</a> and we will be pleased to assist you.

Flood situation	Before bypass	After bypass
Flooded south of Tiaro  Old Bruce Highway is flooded south of Tiaro due to a major local flood, occurring on average, once in 100 years (a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability event.)	Tiaro is cut off from the south for up to 5.7 hours.	Tiaro is accessible from all directions using the bypass northern connection.
Flooded north of Tiaro  Old Bruce Highway is flooded north of Tiaro due to a major regional flood, occurring on average once in 100 years (a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability)	Tiaro is cut off from the north for up to 68.8 hours.	Tiaro is accessible from all directions using the bypass southern connection.
Flooded north and south of Tiaro  Old Bruce Highway is flooded north and south of Tiaro due to a major local and regional flood, occurring on average once in 100 years (a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability).	Tiaro is cut off from the north for up to 68.8 hours and the south for up to 5.7 hours.	Tiaro is cut off for up to 5.7 hours, after which time it is accessible for all directions using the bypass southern connection.



**From:** tfiu <tfiu@tmr.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Monday 14 September 2020 12:24 PM

**To:** Tracey Genrich

**Subject:** Community Update and recent meeting minutes

Attachments: Tiaro Bypass alignment newsletter_final.pdf; Minutes_Signage Group_02.09.2020.pdf

### Hi Tracey and Mark

Attached is a Community Update that is being distributed to the Tiaro community this week. It explains that we have selected an alignment for the new highway. I'll send a copy to the TCWG members shortly. It has been distributed to local business and the Tiaro library this morning.

Also attached are draft minutes from the TCWG signage meeting on 2 September 2020. I've sent these to the signage group members and will distribute to the rest of the TCWG, once the signage group members have accepted them at the next signage meeting (possibly on 14 or 15 October 2020 – tbc)

Julia is finalising the minutes from the meeting on 19 August 2020 and will hopefully send them to the working group and both of you today.

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The signage working group members may want to present (or may want me to present) some concept sign drawings at the TCWG Community Planning meeting on 7 October 2020 and speak briefly about what they have been working on and what they will be doing next. Could you allow 20 minutes at some stage for that discussion do you think? Kind regards,

Marie Millard

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# **Bruce Highway - Tiaro Flood Immunity Upgrade (Tiaro Bypass)**

## Bypass alignment confirmed

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has identified an alignment for the new Tiaro Bypass (see overleaf).

The proposed alignment runs to the east of Tiaro, leaving the existing Bruce Highway north of Bauple Drive and reconnecting to the existing Bruce Highway near Wilsons Road. The alignment is around 8km long and is within the broad bypass corridor study area that was identified in late 2019.

Key considerations in selecting the alignment included:

- · minimising impacts to landowners
- minimising impacts to current and future residents of Tiaro
- · minimising harm to the environment
- minimising harm to heritage artefacts
- · engineering and constructability
- project objectives (improved safety, flood immunity and traffic efficiency).

### **Project snapshot**

- Free-flowing highway, bypassing Tiaro to the east.
- High standard of road safety and flood immunity.
- Future-proof (designed for future four-laning).
- Safe connections to the old Bruce Highway, both north and south of Tiaro.

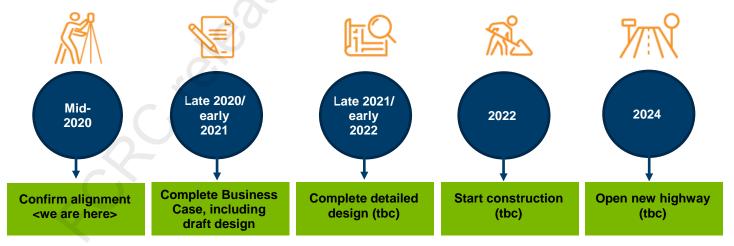
### Consultation

TMR will continue to consult the community and other stakeholders on the bypass design as the project progresses. TMR has also established the Tiaro Community Working Group (TCWG), in collaboration with Fraser Coast Regional Council to:

- provide input into the highway design on behalf of the Tiaro community
- develop a Tiaro Community Plan that will help realise the social and economic potential of Tiaro, including but not limited to, identifying opportunities associated with the Tiaro bypass.

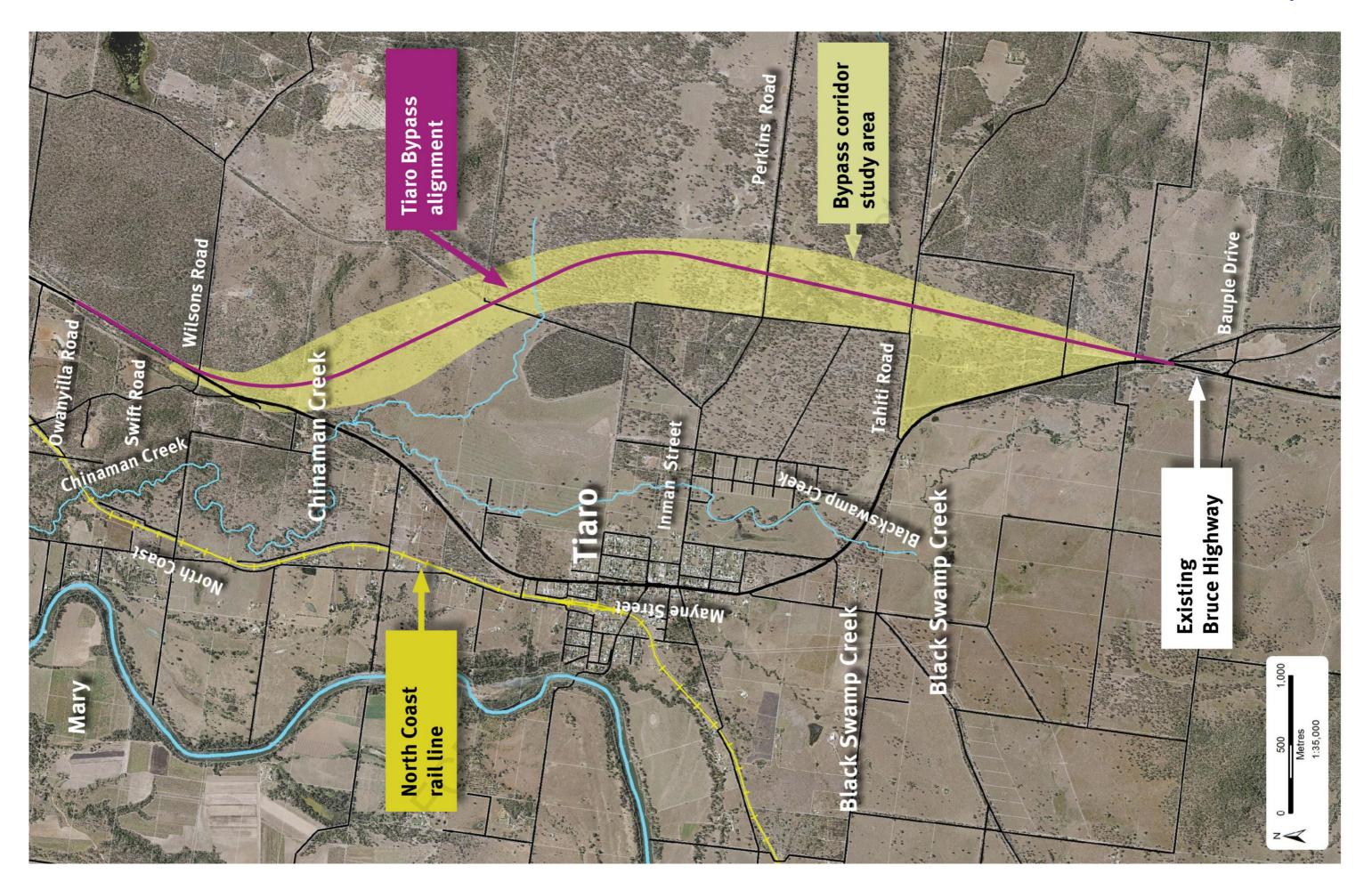
The group has 15 dedicated volunteers, including a mix of residents and business owners.

### **Next steps**









### Frequently asked questions

### Will there be two connections to Tiaro (north and south) from the new highway?

Yes. TMR will include connections between the existing highway and the bypass both north and south of the township.

### Will flood immunity be improved for Tiaro?

Yes. Flood immunity will be greatly improved for Tiaro as a result of the bypass, but the flooding issues will not be eliminated altogether. Contact the project team to find out more about future travel options during different flood events in Tiaro.

### Will the Wilsons Road intersection be upgraded to improve safety?

TMR is proposing to upgrade the Wilsons Road intersection with the Bruce Highway as part of the project.

TMR will also ensure locals and visitors to Tiaro can safely get in and out of Tiaro from the new highway.

#### Will noise abatement be considered for residents?

Yes. There are a range of factors that can influence how road traffic noise impacts residents, including the type of road surface, the proximity of the road to houses, terrain, line of sight, the frequency and type of noise and different noise sensitivities.

TMR considered potential noise and visual impacts on nearby residents when selecting the highway alignment.

TMR will do detailed investigations into potential noise impacts once the design of the new highway is complete. This will be done in accordance with the Transport Noise Management Code of Practice. You can find the Code of Practice and further information about managing noise impacts on the TMR website (www.tmr.qld.gov.au) or you contact the project team for a copy.

### Will the new highway be four-lanes?

The bypass will be two-lanes initially, but it will be designed to cater for future four-laning and to reduce future upgrade costs.

The two-lane bypass will be free-flowing and built to a high safety standard. Traffic modelling forecasts suggest it will not need to be upgraded to four-lanes for at least 15 years.

However, to save on the cost of a future upgrade, and to minimise impact on landowners, TMR will acquire the land now for the future four lanes.

### When will the new highway open?

Construction timeframes will be confirmed as the project progresses, however the new highway could be open as early as mid-2024, weather and construction conditions permitting.

### What are the learnings from other bypass projects?

Research suggests that town bypasses are usually beneficial in the medium to long term.

Small towns that are heavily dependent on highway generated trade, can sometimes take longer to recover from a bypass, but they do recover.

Economic impacts tend to be short-term and there are also economic and social opportunities from bypasses that, if harnessed, can offset these impacts.

Learnings from other bypasses suggest that early planning is key. Communities, businesses and government must prepare for the bypass in advance.

Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) and the TCWG are underway with development of a Community Plan for Tiaro.

### For more information



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From: **Gerard Carlyon** 

Thursday 17 September 2020 3:00 PM Sent: Tiaro & District Chamber of Commerce To: Cc: Tracey Genrich; Michelle Knapp

Subject: RE: Urban Planner

Dear

Thanks for your email. It is great to see the Chamber's strong interest in the Tiaro bypass project and your desire to engage to ensure that collectively we all work together to ensure that Tiaro gets the best possible outcomes from the State and Federal Government bypass project. Council's focus at present is on working with the State Government and the Tiaro community through the Tiaro Community Working Group process and we would not be looking to run a separate process outside of that structure we have agreed with the State and which has been endorsed by Council. It is great that the Chamber has strong representation on that group and should that group recommend masterplanning or other projects which require the engagement of a town planner we would definitely consider such a request, though noting the group has already been working with is qualified in Urban and Regional Planning.

Beyond the Tiaro Community Working Group project Council has also commenced its review of the 2014 Fraser Coast Planning Scheme and throughout that project land use planning within Tiaro and surrounds will also be reviewed and we look forward to engaging with the Chamber about that project as it progresses throughout the next couple of years.

### Regards

### **Gerard Carlyon**

**Director Development and Community** 

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From: Tiaro Chamber

Sent: Wednesday 16 September 2020 3:14 PM

To: Gerard Carlyon Cc: Tracey Genrich Subject: Urban Planner

Hi Gerard,

At last night's Tiaro & District Chamber of Commerce meeting it was suggested that an Urban Planner would be beneficial to Tiaro in its situation with the forthcoming by-pass.

The Chamber would like for Council to provide such a planner to assist this community in planning for the future to its best advantage after the by-pass eventuates.

Could you please bring our request to Council's attention and for action?

Many thanks,



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to:

**CC:** Tracey Genrich [mail to:Tracey.Genrich@frasercoast.qld.gov.au]

**Subject:** Tiaro bypass - alignment map

### Good afternoon

Attached for you information, is a layout showing the alignment for the new Tiaro bypass within the broad corridor study area.

Note, we only have the alignment for the new highway at this time. We don't have a draft design yet. The draft design will show the connections between the bypass and existing highway. We will have the draft design complete later this year (possibly mid-November 2020).

Kind regards,

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Sent: Monday 19 September 2022 9:30 AM

To: Tracey Genrich Cc: Tracey Genrich

**Subject:** FW: Tiaro Bypass update and minutes of the 19 August Bypass Alignment Meeting

**Attachments:** Minutes -TCWG Meeting - 19 August 2020.pdf; Tiaro Bypass - Community

Update.pdf

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From: tfiu [mail to:tfiu@tmr.qld.gov.au]
Sent: 17 September 2020 08:59

To:

CC: Tracey Genrich [mail to:Tracey.Genrich@frasercoast.qld.gov.au], [mail to:Tracey.Genrich@frasercoast.qld.gov.au]

Subject: Tiaro Bypass update and minutes of the 19 August Bypass Alignment Meeting

### Good morning Tiaro Community Working Group Members

At the Tiaro Bypass alignment briefing that we held with you on 19 August 2020, I explained that TMR would distribute an update to the broader community to let them know we have identified an alignment for the Tiaro Bypass. I've attached a copy of the Community Update for your records. It should begin to arrive in letterboxes, post-boxes and email inboxes from this week.

Also attached are the draft minutes from the meeting on 19 August 2020. Please let me know by 6 October 2020, if you feel we have missed anything and I can have the minutes re-issued as a final.

Thank you for your suggestions about how to best get the Community Update to your community. In line with that feedback, we have used an addressed mail service to distribute the community updates to property owners (who don't live locally) and an unaddressed mail service to deliver the updates to residents. I have placed the large alignment map up on the Community Noticeboard at the Tiaro and District Community Centre and I have left copies of the Community Updates at the Tiaro library and at several local businesses, and will drop off some more this weekend.

State and federal elected representatives and the Fraser Coast Regional Council Mayor have also been sent a copy. We will also post some of these to Fraser Coast Regional Council for display at relevant council officers and libraries.

### Future four-laning and grade-separated intersections

Some working group members have raised concerns about the two-lane bypass having t-intersections (called "atgrade intersections"). Other working group members have advised they would like the full four lanes constructed now. Although both of these things are out of scope of the current project, we know many of you are aware from media reports, or from talking to each-other or your elected representatives, that there have been discussions between state and federal elective representatives about changes to the project scope and funding.

TMR provided advice at a previous meeting about the four-laning. At the recent signage working group meeting on 2 September 2020, I also committed us to providing the TCWG with more information about the at-grade intersections.

This will occur as soon as the draft design is complete (probably mid-November). At that time, I will arrange another TCWG bypass focussed meeting to present the draft design to you and seek your feedback.

### Signage working group

those.

The signage working group met for the first time on 2 September 2020. So far the group has achieved the following:
set objectives for signage
provided feedback on initial concept sign designs from TMR, and on a revised concept sign
developed "long lists" of services and features to include on different signs
short-listed those items to identify the current highest priorities
identified some potential images for TMR to include in sign concepts
discussed additional sign opportunities that may be available to Tiaro and some ideas about how to pursue

The signage working group has asked me to bring some of the concept signs to the next TCWG meeting on 7 October 2020, for discussion with the broader group.

The next meeting of the TCWG signage working group will be mid-October 2020 (exact date tbc).

Thank you! I'll see you at the 7 October TCWG Community Planning meeting.

Kind regards,

Marie Millard

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Sent: Wednesday 15 December 2021 5:28 PM

To:

Cc:

Tracey Genrich

**Subject:** Project update: Tiaro Bypass draft concept design **Attachments:** Tiaro Bypass_Community update_December 2021.pdf

Good afternoon Tiaro Community Working Group Members,

Please find attached a community update for the Tiaro Bypass project. The update includes information about the Tiaro Bypass draft concept design and will be distributed to the Tiaro community and surrounds this week, as well as online to those people who have subscribed to receive updates.

A media statement ( <u>Tiaro Bypass draft concept design complete - Ministerial Media Statements</u>) was released earlier today by the state and federal governments today to announce the design.

The project webpage (<u>www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Tiaro</u>) has also been updated to include information about the draft concept design.

Thank you again for your contribution to this project.

If you would like any further information please contact us on tfiu@tmr.qld.gov.au

Kind regards,

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# **Bruce Highway – Tiaro Bypass Community Update (November 2021)**

# Draft concept design complete

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has completed a draft concept design for the new four-lane Tiaro Bypass (see overleaf).

Key features of the concept design include:

- nine kilometres of new four-lane highway with a concrete centre median
- two grade separated interchanges
- realignment of local roads to the closest new interchange.

The draft concept design will be refined to include more detail as the project progresses. A public display will be held in Tiaro in early 2022 to present and explain the refined draft design to the community.

Planning for the bypass is expected to be completed by early 2022. This will be followed by the detailed design phase which, amongst other things, will include:

- further, more detailed investigations and assessments including environmental, hydraulics, noise, geotechnical, pavement, traffic and safety
- development of detailed design drawings (including drainage, lighting, signage, property accesses, public utility relocations)
- preparation of detailed cost estimates, construction drawings, and contract and procurement documents for the construction phase.



# Tiaro Community Working Group (TCWG)

Feedback from the TCWG during development of the concept design, together with TMR's technical investigations, contributed to several **key project features and commitments** including:

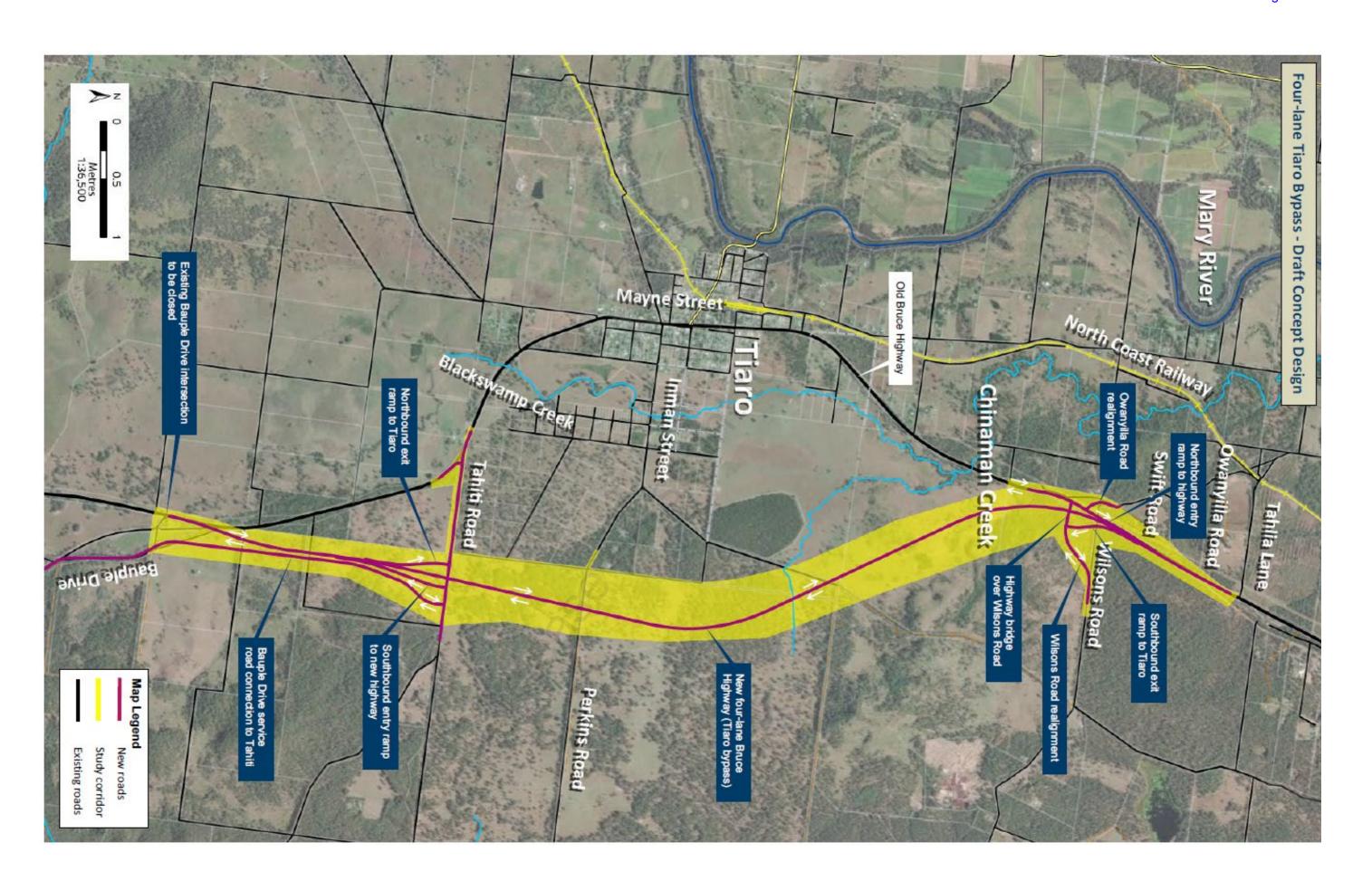
- two connections to Tiaro, one north and one south, for improved connectivity and to help encourage visitation by passing motorists
- interchanges with overpass bridges to improve safety and local road connectivity
- a buffer between the new highway and residential areas to help preserve amenity
- a bypass sign strategy to assist in promoting the township to passing travellers as a destination or stopping point.

The group's advocacy on behalf of their community, has been outstanding. TMR has received further feedback from the group and will continue to consult the TCWG during the detailed design phase.



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# Want to know more? Here are some answers to questions you may have...

### Why is the new highway now four-lanes?

The Australian Government and Queensland Government committed additional funding to increase the Tiaro Bypass project scope from two to four lanes in June 2021.

### What is the cost of the four-lane bypass?

The project has a funding commitment of \$336 million. The federal government has committed \$269 million and the state government has committed \$67 million.

### Why is the cost so much higher than the two-lane estimate?

The project scope has changed considerably. The original two-lane bypass was to include at-grade intersections and a Wide Centre Line Treatment. The design will now include four lanes, interchanges with overpass bridges, a concrete barrier, additional traffic lanes and additional road realignments.

### Will the Wilsons Road intersection with the Bruce Highway be upgraded to improve safety?

Yes. There will be a half-diamond grade-separated interchange at Wilsons Road, and locals will have safe access to Tiaro and to the new highway.

### Will the flooding situation be improved for Tiaro?

Yes. While flooding issues will not be eliminated altogether, there will be additional travel options and reduced waiting times during major flooding at Tiaro as a result of the bypass. You can contact the project team to find out more about future travel options during different flood events in Tiaro.

### Will the Bauple Drive intersection with the Bruce Highway be upgraded to improve safety?

Yes. Bauple Drive will be realigned to connect to Tahiti Road, at the new interchange. There will be safer access to Tiaro and the Bruce Highway for Bauple Drive motorists.

### Why does the bypass have half-diamond interchanges?

TMR was only able to consider two options for the connections to Tiaro, due to the low traffic volumes and the overall length of the bypass. These options included (1) a full interchange at one end of the bypass, or (2) two half-diamond interchanges (one at each end).

Together, the two half-diamond interchanges allow motorists to travel north and south (just like a full interchange), but they have additional benefits as follows:

- They will help encourage motorists to stop at Tiaro. The
  two connections ensure Tiaro is 'on the way' for
  northbound or southbound motorists. This avoids the
  need for motorists to 'double back', as would have been
  required in the case of one interchange option.
- The half-diamond interchanges have been designed so that they can be developed into full interchanges in future, when an increase in traffic demand justifies the need for an upgrade.

### Will noise impacts be considered for residents?

Yes. TMR considered potential noise and visual impacts on nearby residents when selecting the highway alignment, and will undertake detailed investigations into potential noise impacts as part of the Detailed Design.

This will be done in accordance with the Transport Noise Management Code of Practice. You can find the Code of Practice and further information about managing noise impacts on the TMR website (www.tmr.qld.gov.au) or contact the project team for a copy.

### When will the new highway open?

Construction timeframes will be confirmed after the completion of the detailed design.

### For more information



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Sent: Thursday 3 March 2022 7:06 AM

To:

Cc:Tracey GenrichSubject:Tiaro Bypass update

Good morning Tiaro Community Working Group Members,

I hope you, your families and friends and your animals are safe and well.

The project team wanted to give you an update on where the project is at, following our distribution of the draft concept design to the community in December.

We haven't had a huge amount of feedback from the broader community on the draft concept design to date. We've only had four emails and a couple of phone calls, which is a good sign as we usually tend to only hear from people when they are unhappy!

### Feedback to date includes:

- enquiries about the half-diamond interchanges and access to Wilsons Road
- concerns about Bauple Drive motorists still having to drive through Tiaro (considered to be an inconvenience by some motorists)
- enquiries about how the Bauple Drive realignment might influence motorist behaviour elsewhere (for example, will motorists try to use other intersections)
- enquiry about why the Bauple Drive realignment has to follow the Rialta Road corridor instead of the existing Bauple Drive road corridor.

The project team has responded to these enquiries and feedback, with advice as follows:

- the two half-diamond interchanges serve the Tiaro community and highway traffic better than the alternative option of one single full interchange. The two connections will help encourage continued visitation for the viability of the township. Both interchanges have also been designed so that they can be developed into full interchanges in the future, when traffic volumes increase sufficiently to justify construction of additional on and off ramps
- the newly constructed Bauple Drive connection to the Tahiti Road interchange will provide a more efficient and safer alternative, with minimal difference in travel time. TMR therefore expects that most Bauple motorists will regularly use the safer option via the new proposed Tahiti Road interchange.

The project team has also explained that various options were considered, why the current draft concept design was selected, and the safety and efficiency benefits for motorists from the Bauple Drive realignment.

### Next Steps

We are currently finalising all the necessary governance reports and documents to complete the planning phase. Once planning is complete, we will move straight into the Detailed Design phase.

The project team is also working on a report which will include the key outcomes of the project environmental investigations. As promised, this will be shared with the TCWG and other local environmental interest groups once completed.

The team still intends to hold a public display in Tiaro and we'll let the TCWG know once we have a confirmed date for the display.

The TCWG sign group will need to reconvene in the second half of the year once the Detailed Design phase commences so we can finalise work on the sign strategy. Once the Detailed Design phase commences, we will contact the sign group members to discuss a meeting schedule.

If you would like any further information please contact us on tfiu@tmr.qld.gov.au

Kind regards,

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From: Davendra Naidu

Sent: Wednesday 20 April 2022 12:27 PM

**To:** Denis Chapman

**Subject:** FW: TMR Letter Tiaro Bypass Feedback

**Attachments:** scan_julieg_2022-03-21-16-50-06.pdf; Tiaro Bypass feedback.pdf

Hi Denis

See attached my letter to DTMR regarding the 'diamond on and off ramp' for Bauple from the new Tiaro Bypass and the response I have received from DTMR.

### **Davendra Naidu**

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From: Tracey M Bradsworth < > On Behalf Of Hendrik W Roux

Sent: Thursday 7 April 2022 3:08 PM

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Cc: Bill J Lansbury < >; Marie L Millard <

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**Subject:** TMR Letter Tiaro Bypass Feedback

Good afternoon Davendra,

Please find letter attached providing feedback on the draft design for the Tiaro Bypass.

### **Hendrik Roux**

District Director (Wide Bay Burnett) | Southern Queensland Region

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Sent: Monday, 21 March 2022 4:54 PM

To: Hendrik W Roux <

Subject: Letter Regarding Tiaro Bypass Project

Dear Hendrik

Please find attached letter regarding Council's concerns with respect to the Tiaro Bypass Project.

Kind regards

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18 March 2022

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Dear Mr Roux

RE: Concerns – Provision of Northern Interchange Access to Bauple and Raising of Highway at Chinaman Creek – Tiaro Bypass Project

I refer to the above matter and advise that Council would like to raise its concerns with respect to the current planning of the Tiaro Bypass with particular reference to the access being proposed to the township of Bauple and flood immunity as part of the planning for this project.

Whilst Council fully supports the Tiaro Bypass project as it will greatly improve road safety and alleviate congestion through Tiaro and agrees with the need for grade separation interchanges at each end of Tiaro and the removal of Bauple Drive (northern) intersection from the Bruce Highway, the following comments are made with respect to the concerns that Council has relating to access to the township of Bauple and the need for the raising of the highway at Chinaman Creek.

#### **Tahiti Road Interchange**

It appears from the concept plans that are included on your Departmental website that only the north bound off ramp and south bound on ramp has been provided at the Tahiti Road interchange. Council's concern with this configuration is that southbound access to Bauple is via Tiaro and if the northern interchange is missed there are few options to access Bauple. These include:

- Stratford Road which is a 3m wide sealed road with cattle grids at each end, with no turning provisions from the Bruce Highway; or
- Chapmans Road East, which has better turning provisions but is located south of the Bauple township.

In addition to the above, this also means that northbound freight-based activity from Bauple, (forestry and agricultural) will have to drive through Tiaro to access the highway to the north.

The same configuration has been provided for the northern interchange i.e. northbound on ramp and south bound exit ramp only.

As discussed, Council's preference would be to design for a 'diamond' interchange at Tahiti Road and the new Bruce Highway to alleviate the concerns raised above.

Your consideration and advice relating to the above matters are now sought so that your Department's planning for the next phase of the project can give consideration to the matters raised by Council.

Should you require any further information in relation to the matters that Council has raised, please feel free to contact myself.

Yours sincerely

Davendra Naidu

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Hendrik Roux

Department of **Transport and Main Roads** 

6 April 2022

Mr Davendra Naidu Director (Infrastructure Services) Fraser Coast Regional Council

Dear Mr Naidu

Thank you for your letter of 18 Mach 2022, providing feedback on the draft design for the Tiaro Bypass.

As discussed at the Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) informal information session on 9 March 2022, the half diamond interchange at Tahiti Road has been conceptually designed to be upgraded to a full diamond interchange (north and south facing ramps) in the future (as proposed in your letter), when traffic volumes increase sufficiently to justify additional on and off ramps.

I appreciate the concerns you have raised regarding access to Bauple being restricted to travel through Tiaro, and the effect this may have on freight transport to and from Bauple. TMR will monitor the impact of this on the Tiaro township. It is worth noting, however, that the retention of some traffic through Tiaro is welcomed by the business community, and the Tiaro Community Working Group.

As you are aware, TMR has worked collaboratively with FCRC regarding consultation with the community, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank your Council for the excellent cooperation. We look forward to continuing working with FCRC as we progress with the development of the project.

Yours sincerely,

Hendrik Roux **District Director (Wide Bay Burnett)** 

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