

Communique

Cape York Region Package Sub Working Group



June 2017

The Cape York Region Package (CYRP) Sub Working Group (SWG) met on the 16th May 2017 in Cairns and focused on the following areas:

- 1) Progress to date
- 2) 2017 Works Program – tender and procurement process & changes/improvements
- 3) Update on ILUA and Native Title 'One Claim' processes
- 4) Updates on project delivery by Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance and DATSIP activities
- 5) Discussion and resolution of range of issues
- 6) Future investment opportunities for CYRP stage 2

Overview

Since the previous SWG meeting in May 2016 and the CYRP Taskforce meeting in August 2016, the project continues into its final phase of delivery with key improvements in tender & procurement approach and implementation, accompanied by ongoing communications and identification and resolution of related issues.

2016 Progress

By the end of 2016 an additional 25 km had been sealed.

Project	Contractor	Length	Progress
Coen South	Koppens Developments	22km	4km sealed by Dec 2016 – construction to recommence May for remaining 18km (weather permitting)
Archer to Wolverton	Robinson Civil Group	13km	4.4km sealed by Dec 2016– construction to recommence May for remaining 8.6km (weather permitting)
Musgrave	RoadTek	12km	Practical completions reached Dec 2016.
Little Laura to Fairview	NQCEC	4.6km	Practical completions reached Dec 2016.

Mein Deviation, north of the Archer River was a 2015 works package for 29km of sealing with 18.9km completed by the end of 2015 - Practical Completion reached June 2016.

Over the first two years of the CYRP, 68.4 km of bitumen seal on the PDR has been completed.

2017 PDR Works – Procurement approach

The tenders for the 2017 PDR package of works were released at the end of March 2017.

Project	Length	Successful tenderer and process
Myall Creek to Rio Boundary	8.8km	Open tender R2, F15 min.
South of Duck Holes Creek*	4.05km	Restricted Tender single stage (R1- R3) F10 min.
10 Mile Creek*	1.8km	Restricted Tender single stage (R1- R3) F10 min.
Laura Racecourse to Little Laura	8.8km	RoadTek (sole invitee)

*to be tendered in conjunction, but awarded as a single contract.

TMR held well-attended industry briefing sessions in Cairns, Weipa and Coen to ensure strong understanding, engagement and uptake of the tenders from local businesses.

TMR presented to the SWG its analysis of outcomes achieved through the 2015 and 2016 key result area (KRA) performance, as part the continual improvement approach to the tender and procurement processes for the CYRP to deliver the works and improve Indigenous and local business, employment and training opportunities and outcomes.

The KRAs for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 works packages were the same, with some changes for the 2017-18 works packages. Incentivized payments based on performance against the following KRAs:

- KRA 1 – Indigenous and non-Indigenous training and upskilling
- KRA 2 – Implementation of an Indigenous Economic Opportunities Plan
- KRA 3 – Local Industry participation.

While the KRAs remain the same for 2017-18, some changes have been made to provide greater emphasis on achievement of KRA 2. The total incentive pool amount has been re-apportioned with integration of KRAs now embedded in non-price criteria tender requirements. The non-price criteria are:

- An effective training plan for Indigenous and non-Indigenous workers
- Proven development and implementation of an effective Indigenous Employment Opportunities Plan
- Proven Local Content Plan

TMR is seeking to ensure strong performance across all KRAs and continues to work with DIRD on an agreed approach to the CYRP tendering processes.

ILUA and Native Title Claim Progress

Both the Cape York Land Council (CYLC) and TMR's tactical advisor confirmed positive progress on the CYRP ILUA between all parties, noting the anticipated amendments to the *Native Title Amendments (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bills 2017* to resolve the issue arising from the McGlade Case. There would not be any impact on the CYRP ILUA with the ILUA Project Committee, comprising Traditional Owners and TMR representatives, currently fine-tuning arrangements.

The CYLC updated the SWG on the progress of the regional Native Title Claim 'One Claim' with major consultation with Traditional Owners in the nine regions in the Cape to be undertaken over the coming months on the regional anthropology reports. Determination of the claim is anticipated during 2019.

The SWG welcomed the update from CYLC noting the importance of bringing together key players in the CYRP and related processes.

Update on related initiatives by Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP)

DATSIP provided an update on formalizing an Integrated Capital Works program, focusing on Aurukun; noted the effectiveness of the interagency Senior Officers Group to improve tender packaging for improved outcomes, and the value of the Department's facilitation role relating to master planning to maximize community economic and social growth opportunities. Community capacity statements are also being prepared to better identify pathways for securing sustainable jobs and opportunities into communities.

Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance Project Status

Councils continue to deliver Torres & Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance (TCIMA) works identified in eight Cape communities under the \$50.5M package of the CYRP, with \$12M of works delivered to date.

The SWG raised the value and importance in capturing the specific employment outcomes and value of investment into Indigenous and local businesses to provide strong evidence of the broad economic and social benefits of the investment in TCIMA's priority infrastructure works. These outcomes will be fed back to DIRD, as part of the overall performance on delivery of the CYRP.

Issues Resolution

The SWG discussed a range of issues including changes to the Black Business Finder, Jardine River Bridge, operational queries and maintenance work on the Aurukun Access Road. In addition, the SWG discussed the similarities between the CYRP and both the \$600 million Northern Australia Roads Programme and the \$100 million Northern Australia Beef Roads Programme, with regard to opportunities they provide to boost Indigenous and local employment and training outcomes. The value of the SWG and Taskforce mechanisms for stronger communication and engagement resulting in better delivery and outcomes was noted.

It is a key and critical role of SWG members to bring issues to the table for discussion and resolution.

Future investment opportunities for CYRP stage 2

The SWG noted the increasing interest in future funding opportunities for CYRP Stage 2, with significant potential regional benefit from further investment to complete sealing of the PDR.

All State and Federal Government members noted their role was to provide advice to Ministers through their respective Departments. All other SWG members acknowledged their position and re-iterated their interest in working together to secure this investment in the next budget cycle, noting strong political support across State and Federal lines.

Taskforce Meeting, Coen – 31 July 2017

The Taskforce meeting will enable further grassroots input on implementation performance of the works packages currently being delivered, opportunity for face-to-face updates on progress by TMR and TCIMA representatives, as well as discussion on opportunities from related activities by DATSIP and DPM&C.

The Terms of Reference for the Taskforce and the Sub-Working Group will also be considered, amended and approved at the Coen meeting. The Terms of Reference emphasise the information sharing and advice/input role of the Taskforce, in particular to inform effectiveness of on-ground-delivery and to provide an ongoing forum for raising and addressing related issues.

Membership of the CYRP SWG

- Department of Transport and Main Roads (Qld - TMR),
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (Australian Government- DIRD),
- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (Qld – DATSIP),
- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Australian Government – DPM&C),
- Cook Shire Council (CSC)
- Torres & Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance (TCIMA)
- Cape York Sustainable Futures (CYSF)
- Regional Development Australia Far North Queensland and Torres Strait (RDA FNQ&TS)

Next Taskforce meeting – 31 July 2017, Coen

Next SWG meeting – October – Cairns (TBC)

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