

Request for Project Change 12

Response to Coordinator-General
Request for additional information

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Request for information – item 1 - consultation

Question

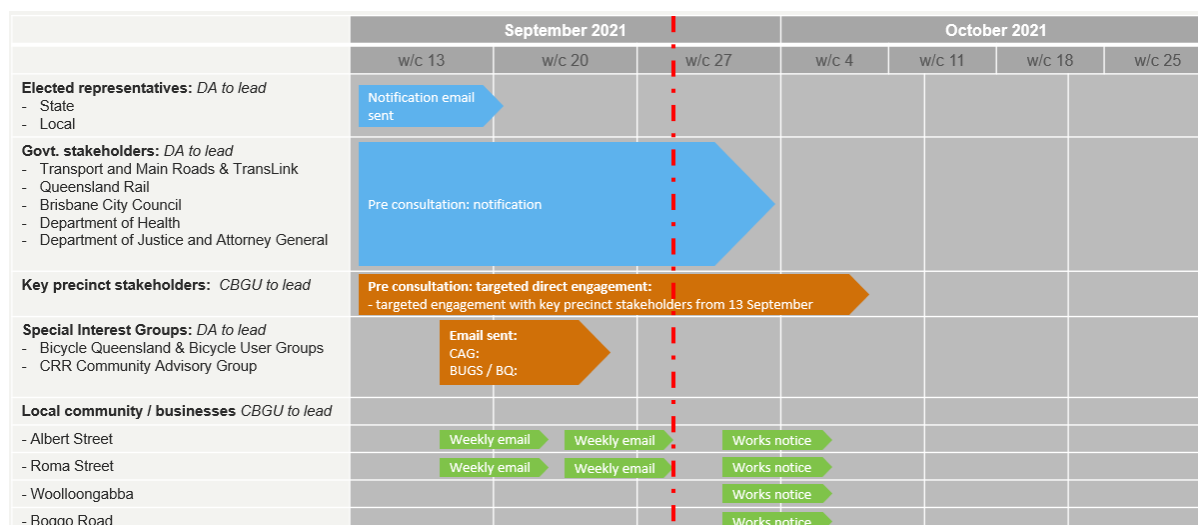
The Office of the Coordinator-General requested that a consultation report for RfPC12 (similar to the report for RfPC10) be prepared which:

- identifies stakeholders relevant to the proposed change (e.g. schools)
- provides details of targeted engagement activities undertaken with stakeholders on the proposed change, including outcomes and feedback received
- provides details of a targeted engagement strategy to notify potentially affected stakeholders, should the proposed change be approved.

Response

A communications and engagement strategy is currently being implemented, based on balancing information regarding the requested change and relevant Queensland Government communications associated with the management of Queensland’s COVID19 response.

An overview of the engagement strategy currently being implemented is provided in the figure below.



A report on consultation associated with proposed RfPC12 is targeted for submission to the Coordinator-General during the week commencing 11 October 2021.

Given this forecast timeframe has the potential to extend the Coordinator-General’s evaluation of RfPC12, the Delivery Authority requests that this additional consultation requirement be reconsidered, to expedite the evaluation of RfPC12.

The Delivery Authority makes this request on the basis of the previous evaluation completed for RfPC6 in May 2020, which assessed the same requested change (temporary removal of spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery peak period lockouts during a COVID19 Public Health Direction that restricts movement of persons).

Noting that no pre-consultation occurred prior to the submission of RfPC6, as part of the Coordinator-General's May 2020 evaluation of RfPC6 the Coordinator-General decided not to require public notification of the proposed change, on the basis that:

- the changes are discrete and temporary in nature
- the community will be notified prior to commencing the works
- the proponent did not request any changes to the scope, location or design of the project
- the requested change is consistent with BCC's notice to relax road use restrictions
- the proponent would benefit from extended work hours and there are not predicted new or changed impacts on peak period traffic conditions compared to the impacts already assessed and managed in the Coordinator-General's evaluation report (2012) and subsequent change reports
- the project will continue to be managed by the comprehensive and rigorous set of conditions including traffic and transport, noise and vibration, air quality, community engagement and complaints resolution.

Request for information – item 2 – sites outside CBD

Question

The Office of the Coordinator-General requested justification for how the proposed Brisbane City Council (BCC) trigger in proposed Condition 10C is relevant for the worksites outside the central business district (CBD). It is noted that three of the four worksites subject to the proposed change are not in the Brisbane CBD.

Also, an explanation was requested regarding how commencement and cessation of the BCC trigger would be provided to the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority and how the Coordinator-General would be notified.

Response

The Coordinator-General's May 2020 evaluation of RfPC6 previously considered this matter, noting that the proposed relaxation was not restricted to the project's CBD worksites.

The Coordinator-General was satisfied that there would be no material impact on traffic conditions over or above normal peak hour traffic conditions for which the relevant restrictions in Condition 10 were imposed to manage, which also extended to management of safety for school students in the vicinity of the Boggo Road station construction site and other sites in the vicinity of schools, as school attendance is significantly reduced due to the COVID19 declared public health emergency measures.

The Coordinator-General's May 2020 evaluation found that the Imposed Conditions remain appropriate, with the additional requirement of a specific CEMP to manage any potential impacts associated with temporarily removing the peak traffic period restrictions on haulage and delivery works.

With reference to BCC's notification process, BCC's Transport Planning and Operations issues an email notification to all relevant Brisbane City projects, advising of the commencement of a relaxation of the heavy vehicle peak period restrictions. BCC then issue an email notification to all relevant Brisbane City projects advising of the conclusion of the relaxation period.

The Delivery Authority can provide a copy of these BCC notification on receipt for each relevant COVID19 Public Health Direction period.

Request for information – item 3 – maps/figures

Question

The Office of the Coordinator-General requested maps/figures of the existing approved haul routes for spoil haulage and equipment/materials delivery to and from the four worksites subject to the proposed change. It was also requested to identify on the maps/figures key stakeholder locations (e.g. schools) and the extent of community engagement.

Response

Presented below are figures for Boggo Road/Dutton Park worksites, Woolloongabba and Roma Street Station worksites. These figures detail the primary transport access/egress routes, overlaid with the area of direct community engagement (inclusive of schools and other key stakeholders).

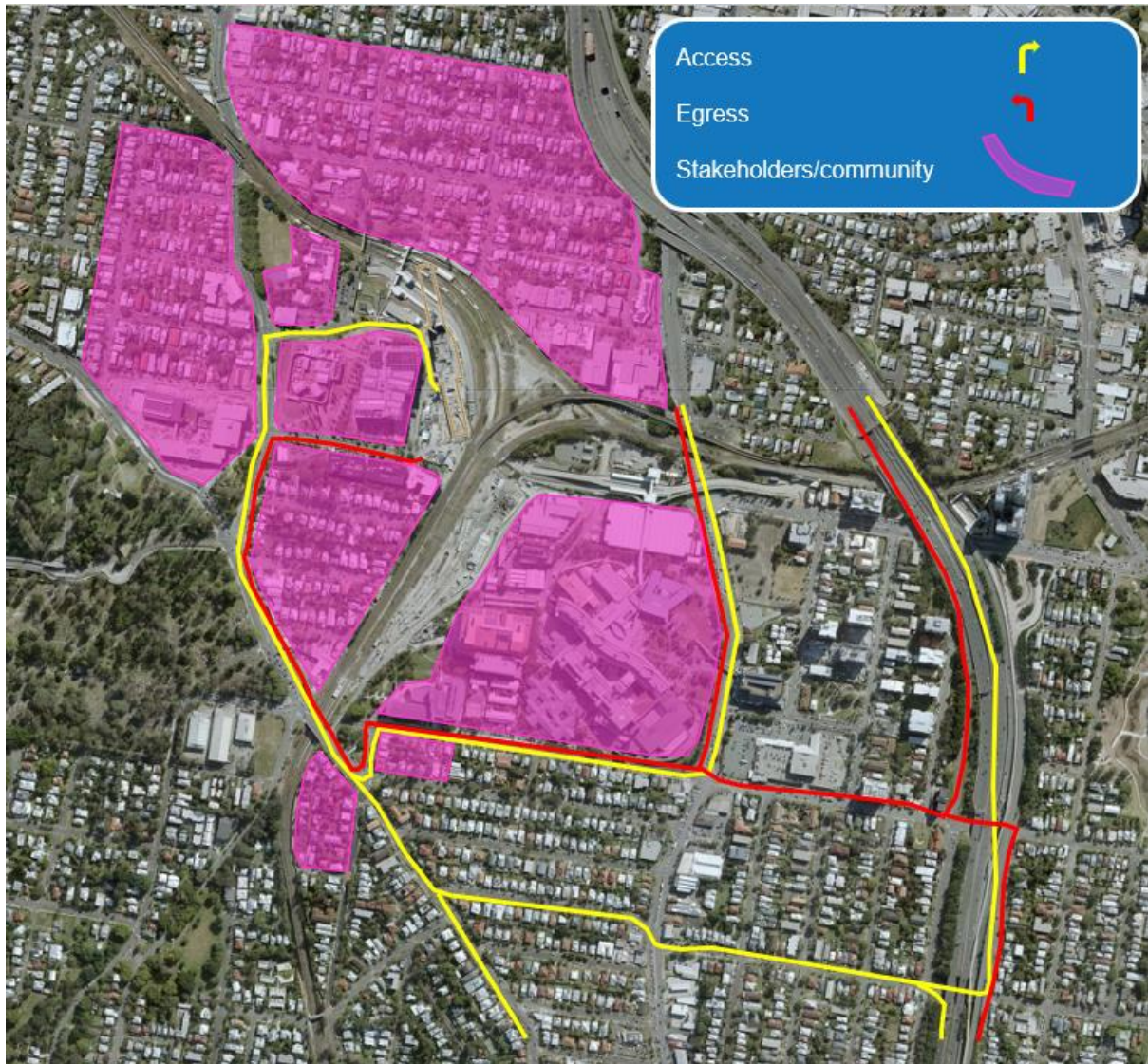


Figure: Boggo Road / Dutton Park

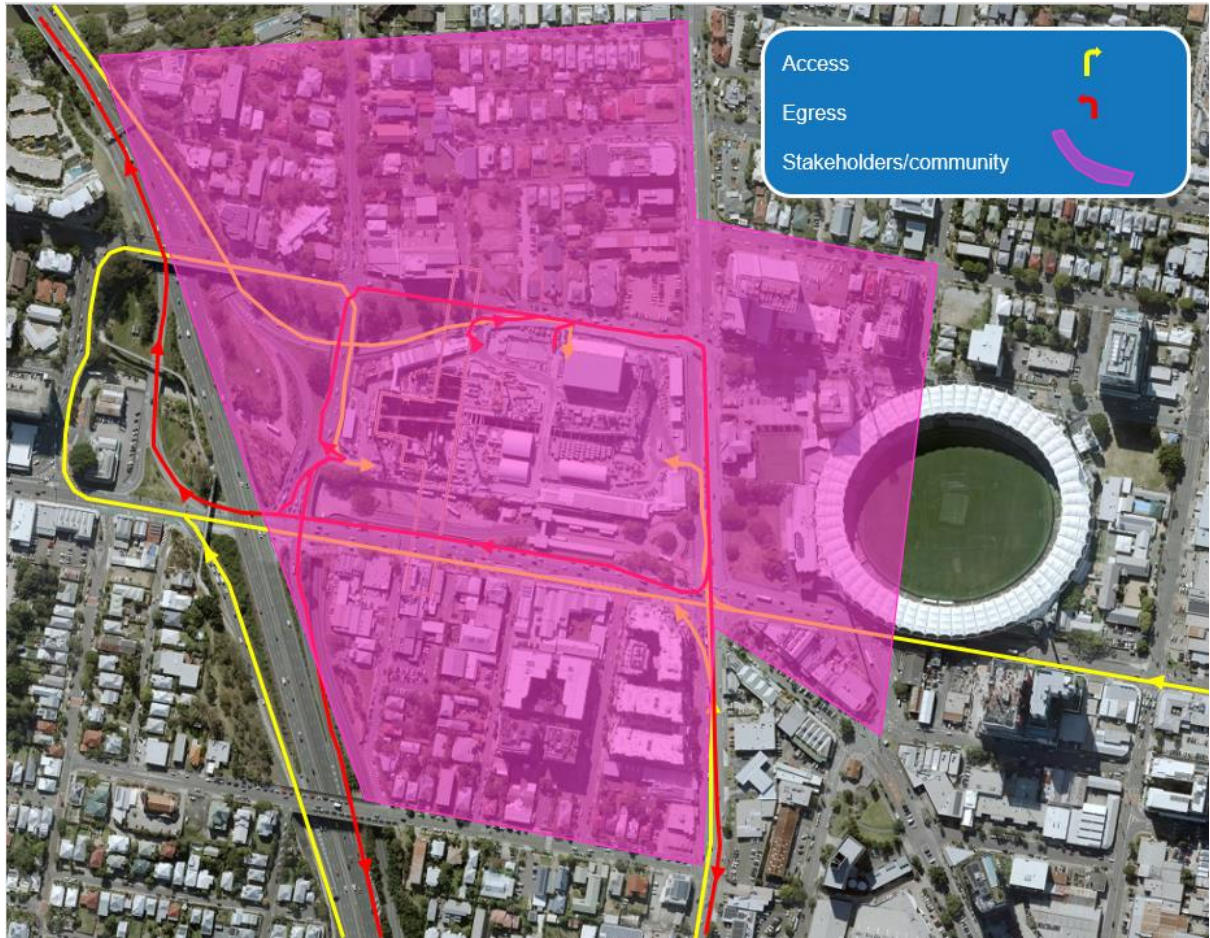


Figure: Woolloongabba



Figure: Roma Street

Request for information – item 4 – management of community fatigue during extended lockdown

Question

The Office of the Coordinator-General requested an explanation of how any potential fatigue in the continuous utilisation of proposed condition 10C would be managed in a potential extended lockdown situation.

Response

Similar to Roma Street Sunday spoil haulage, it is anticipated that spoil haulage will not be utilised continuously but will be utilised to match the excavation production cycle. This approach is likely to provide natural haulage respites should an extended lockdown be experienced.

In addition, complaints will continue to be monitored and managed in accordance with the Imposed Conditions Environmental Management Framework.

Request for information – item 5 – benefits of proposed change

Question

The Office of the Coordinator-General requested further details on the expected benefits to the project from the proposed change. RfPC12 states that the proposed change provides an opportunity to reduce the overall duration of heavy vehicle haulage activities associated with delivery of the project. Please provide an indication of the extent of overall reduction that may be achieved and any other potential benefits of the proposed change.

Response

The Coordinator-General's May 2020 evaluation of RfPC6 previously considered this matter, noting that the proposed relaxation would provide between 17.5 and 20 additional hours per week of spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery for each of the Roma Street, Woolloongabba, Dutton Park and Boggo Road worksites.

When a COVID19 Public Health Direction that restricts movement of persons is issued, access to the Project's worksites is strictly controlled, meaning workers are quarantined to an individual site. This introduces inefficiencies in delivery of a number of construction related tasks.

Subject to the duration of any COVID19 lockdown, the opportunity to utilise these additional hours increases the flexibility to manage spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery logistics, leading to a potential improvement in construction activity efficiencies. This approach may potentially offset a portion of the inefficiencies induced as a result of limiting site access during COVID19 Public Health Direction events.

Request for information – item 6 – fee waiver

Question

The Office of the Coordinator-General requested that a rationale be provided to the requested fee waiver.

Response

By letter dated 8 May 2020 (DGC20/409), the Coordinator-General recognised that everyone is working through extraordinary and difficult circumstances, with the Coordinator-General's decision to waive the fee reflective of the Delivery Authority's commitment to efficiently maintain the project's construction schedule and to support jobs.

It is requested that a similar consideration be applied to RfPC12.