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FINAL BOUNDARIES AND ROAD OPTIONS OUT BY EARLY DECEMBER

The final details of the land requirements for the Traveston Crossing dam and relocated regional roads will be available by December this year.

These reports being prepared by Queensland Water Infrastructure, the company building the dam, and the Department of Natural Resources and Water will be made available individually to all affected land owners.

Community Futures Task Force chair Major General Peter Arnison said that details presented at the latest Task Force meeting, held on 14 September, indicated this priority work was on track.

“These detailed reports will provide certainty for people about the impacts of the dam that the original indicative maps were not able to deliver,” he said.

“I have asked the planners undertaking the road realign-

ment and road access work to consider outcomes that would minimise further impacts on landowners.

“As well, there will be a very sensitive attitude taken where homes and other assets of significant value are just caught in the buffer zone. In these cases every endeavour, consistent with human safety, will be taken to adjust the buffer zone to ensure they are not affected”.

Major General Arnison noted that roadways and activities including farming and grazing and recreation can continue to be undertaken in buffer zones, again consistent with safety requirements.

He said that Queensland Water Infrastructure, the dam construction company will be working with affected residents and landowners to ensure the best outcomes are able to be achieved.

BIG DAY FOR SOCCER CLUB

When Valley Rangers Soccer Club president Howard Archard of Kandanga expressed concerns about the future of the club to Major General Peter Arnison, Chair of the Community Futures Task Force, Peter sought assistance from the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation.

Mr Archard outlined to Peter that he would like the season break-up event to be a positive day to encourage players and their families to come back next year.

He said he was concerned that he did not want the decision to build the dam to have adverse affects on the club and the community.

Six years ago the local communities raised \$20,000 to buy uniforms and equipment to form the club which now has 160 players. In some cases all members of the family, Mum, Dad and the boys and girls play the code.

The Club uses the Kandanga recreation grounds for training and has undertaken improvement to the fields.

In response, Sport and Recreation Queensland assisted the club in its fundraising efforts by providing a portable climbing wall and two officers from the Currimundi Active Recreation Centre to run activities on the day. Free sample bags were given out to children who attended and some financial support was provided for catering.

“The Department is also looking to organise future recreational events, including camps for children from the Mary Valley,” Peter Arnison said.

“The Task Force is pleased to work with all groups to make sure that the communities remain vibrant and active and to help achieve this outcome, we welcome ideas from people in the Valley,” he said.

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QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT PLANNING STUDIES

Three regional studies are underway to develop economic, land use and infrastructure, and social and communities strategies for the Mary Valley.

These preliminary and longer term studies will identify and deliver positive future outcomes for communities in the Mary River Valley.

The Community Futures Task Force is using information gathered during its visits to the Valley to inform these studies and would welcome ideas and advice from members of the community regarding opportunities and choices for their future.

Economic Futures

A scoping study is underway to assess the current economic and business base in the region. This study will include an assessment of regional output by industry, employment, regional investment trends, exports and the number of businesses.

There will be a preliminary assessment of the assets and demographic trends in the region and surrounding regions that will be drivers for future growth.

Further, the study will investigate opportunities in surrounding regions that potentially could leverage the economic and business future of the Mary Valley. Such opportunities may include improved use of agricultural lands in the Sunshine Coast region.

Land Use and Infrastructure Planning

Many people have raised concerns that the population in the Mary Valley will decline. The principle that the population currently in the Mary Valley should remain the same or increase will be the basis for a land use and infrastructure planning study currently underway.

The Department of Local Government, Planning and Sport and the Office of Urban Management are undertaking this study for the Mary Valley.

Meetings with the Mayors in the region have been held to ensure that all Shire Councils are fully involved in the study and its progress.

The land use strategy will identify the direct and indirect impacts on existing land uses and settlement patterns around the dam site and identify the impacts on existing infrastructure.

It will identify future land use requirements and undertake a comprehensive opportunities and constraints analysis to guide land use planning for the region. The strategy will also consider a range of options for land use and settlement patterns to meet future needs.

Finally, it will identify mechanisms for delivering the preferred land use and settlement pattern outcomes.

The draft land use plan will be ready in early 2007. It will provide certainty for affected land owners and communities regarding options for existing landowners who wish to relocate and for the location of infrastructure.

Communities

Following on from the activities of the One Stop Shop, a community development worker will be employed to meet with local groups in the Mary Valley to identify community needs and ways to meet these needs.

The community development worker will work with social committees and clubs to address the human issues that have arisen for the communities in the Mary Valley. The work of the community development worker will also be used by those involved in Land Use and Infrastructure Planning to make sure there is a comprehensive response to the needs of the Mary Valley communities.

The aim of employing a community development worker is to ensure that community activities continue to thrive and prosper.

Details are available from the One Stop Shop.

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