

MEDIA RELEASE

David Campbell MP
Minister for Transport and Roads



FURTHER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR GRAFTON BRIDGE

Thursday April 8 2010

NSW Transport and Roads Minister David Campbell, representatives from the RTA and local residents from Grafton today met to discuss the investigations into an additional crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton.

Mr Campbell said the meeting provided an important opportunity to talk to local people about the proposal.

“It was great to see the level of interest shown and I thank the residents for coming to Sydney to talk with me and discuss this important initiative,” he said.

“In response to the concerns raised, I have asked the RTA to review all the issues highlighted by the Grafton community during the initial stage of consultation, and to look at ways we can best work with the community to assess the most appropriate location of a new bridge.

“An issues paper will now be prepared on the discussions held during the community workshops, comments raised at information sessions, and information received from submissions and correspondence.

“Residents requested a renewed community involvement plan, with regular ongoing discussion. I agreed this was necessary and that residents should have a say in the forums they would like to see.”

It is crucial that the Grafton community have the chance to engage openly, and give consideration to all environmental, social and economic issues. The outcomes of this process will determine the timeframes for further steps in the assessment process.

The RTA will arrange further meetings and information sessions as soon as possible.

Details of these meetings will be made available by the RTA to ensure everyone has a chance to have their say.

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