

25 January 2011

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Dear «Salutation»

Additional crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton Re: Website update and consultation activities planned in February to March 2011

I write to advise of an update to the project website and to provide information regarding consultation activities planned in the coming weeks.

The project website has been updated to include a summary of the comments and issues raised before the release of the December 2010 community update. Although a revised process is being put in place, it is important that we document what has been raised to date.

The response to the initial postal survey sent out in December 2010 has been very encouraging with over 200 submissions already received. The project team is collating all the information from these submissions, community preferences and issues. A summary of the comments and issues from the initial survey will be published soon after submissions close and will be followed by a more detailed report.

As advised in the December 2010 community update, the following activities will be occurring in the near future.

## Initial postal survey and staffed display

An additional staffed display will be held on Thursday 3 February 2011. This will be an opportunity for the community to share its views on the possible route options with the project team and to submit any further community surveys prior to submissions closing on 8 February 2011.

Displays will occur at:

- Grafton Shoppingworld (9am Ipm, 5-7pm)
- Bi Lo Shopping Complex, South Grafton (9am 1pm, 5-7pm)

## Community telephone survey

As noted in the December 2010 community update a telephone survey will also be conducted. The survey will be conducted by an independent market research company in early March 2011. The phone survey will gauge the views of 500 randomly selected people. Community suggestions for the telephone survey will be invited when the summary of the comments and issues from the initial postal survey are published. Community suggestions, input from the December 2010 community update survey and Council feedback will help the independent company prepare the survey. We hope to have the results of the phone survey available by the end of March 2011.

More information about the telephone survey and other consultation activities will be provided through letters to residents and stakeholders on our distribution list, newspaper and radio advertisements, the project website and signage in the near future.

## Traffic and heavy vehicles

More information on traffic and heavy vehicles from the traffic surveys undertaken in August 2010 will be included in a heavy vehicle study report which will be published on the project website soon.

For further information on the project and to obtain a copy of the summary of comments and issues raised before the December 2010 community update, visit the project website on www.rta.nsw.gov.au/graftonbridge or phone (toll free) 1800 633 332 or email the Grafton Bridge Project Team on graftonbridge@rta.nsw.gov.au.

I look forward to receiving your comments and appreciate your involvement.

Yours sincerely

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