

## PROJECT MANAGERS UPDATE - AUGUST 2011

The *Preliminary Route Options Report Part 1*, August 2011, is now available on the [project documents](#) page of this website.

The report describes the existing environment in Grafton and South Grafton, issues and constraints relevant to an additional crossing and provides a valuable background for the community to the short-listing process moving forward.

Volume 1 is the main report and provides a summary of constraints in the Grafton area, while volume 2 contains technical papers on Landscape and urban character; Social and economic issues; Aboriginal heritage; non-Aboriginal heritage; and Ecology.

I invite comments on the constraints outlined in the report by **Tuesday 30 August 2011**. Please provide these by emailing [graftonbridge@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:graftonbridge@rta.nsw.gov.au), or writing to PO Box 546, Grafton NSW 2460.

Interactive constraints maps have been created to assist you in understanding the potential issues relevant to the Grafton area and an additional crossing of the Clarence River. Please click on this [web link](#) to view the maps.

In addition, we will be holding a series **information and feedback sessions**. Three sessions will be held over two days: **Monday 22 August** from 2pm to 4pm, 6pm to 8pm at Grafton Community Centre and **Tuesday 23 August** from 10am to 12pm at South Grafton District Ex-Servicemen's Club.

I invite the community to drop-in anytime during these sessions to talk one-on-one with the project team and the technical specialists on issues regarding the additional crossing.

For those of you who were unable to attend the June community forums and would like to know what was discussed, you can view the [presentation](#) or watch a [recording](#) of the forums on this website.

At the June community forums, I presented the findings of the feasibility assessment and the process undertaken to reduce 41 suggestions down to 25 preliminary route options in five corridors to go forward for further environmental and engineering investigation.

A summary of the feasibility assessment is included in the [June 2011 community update](#). The *Feasibility Assessment Report*, June 2011 and June 2011 community update are also available on [project documents page](#) of this website.

I also presented the results of the community surveys (including postal, telephone and business surveys), the project's purpose and objectives and other project related matters.

Feedback on the supporting project objectives has now closed. One submission was received. The submission has been considered and the supporting objectives reviewed. An amendment has been made to one of the supporting objectives to better reflect the needs of the project. The project purpose, objectives and supporting objectives are available on [project purpose and objectives page](#) of this website.

If you require any further information or have any questions or comments on the additional crossing of the Clarence River, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone, email or letter.

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