

## Publication of operational noise reports

**The NSW Government is funding the new \$240 million Grafton bridge. As part of the project, two reports which deal with road traffic noise from the new bridge have been released.**

The New Grafton bridge project recently commissioned two reports to compare the predicted future road traffic noise levels from the new bridge to those reported in the Environment Impact Statement (EIS) which was published in 2014.

Both reports, the Operational Noise Report (ONR) and the Detailed Noise Modelling and Assessment for At-Property Mitigation (DNMA), used the detailed design of the new bridge, rather than the concept design, to predict future road traffic noise levels after the new bridge opens to traffic.

### Results

The reports, together with the EIS, show that 54 properties are above the criteria for road traffic noise as set by the NSW Environment Protection Authority and qualify for at-house noise treatment.

Roads and Maritime Services has begun the process of installing at-house noise mitigation measures and has contacted owners whose properties qualify for treatment.

Copies of the reports and responses to frequently asked questions can be found at the project website [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/grafonbridge](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/grafonbridge).

### Future noise reports

Once the new Grafton bridge has opened to traffic, Roads and Maritime will conduct another noise study to determine if the project's noise goals have been achieved. This report, the Post-construction Operational Noise Report, will compare the road traffic noise levels predicted in the EIS, ONR and DNMA against the actual road traffic noise levels from the new bridge for the opening year. If road traffic noise levels are found to be above the project's noise goals then further noise treatment options may be implemented.

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