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## **SPORTSMANS CREEK BRIDGE UPDATE**

Roads and Maritime Services today thanked the community for their feedback on the preliminary options for the proposed new bridge over Sportsman's Creek at Lawrence.

Clarence MP, Chris Gulaptis said the feedback from the community was a crucial step in the planning process.

"Keeping the community involved ensures the final design takes into account the wider impact on surrounding roads, land use, local businesses and residents," Mr Gulaptis said.

"More than 30 people attended a community drop-in session in Lawrence on 18 July 2013 and provided feedback to the project team on the proposal.

"Roads and Maritime has summarised all feedback received and published a report which will be used by the project team to help with the design of the bridge.

"The existing Sportsman's Creek Bridge is proposed to be removed and replaced with a new bridge which meets traffic demands into the future.

"As part of the Bridges for the Bush Program the proposed \$13 million NSW Government funded bridge will cater for heavy vehicles, two-way traffic and pedestrian access.

"The proposal will be delivered in close consultation with Clarence Valley Council and the Lawrence community.

"Roads and Maritime has started work to develop the preliminary options for the new bridge and will be put on public display by the end of 2013," Mr Gulaptis said.

The Bridges for the Bush initiative aims to improve road freight productivity by replacing or upgrading bridges across the next five years at 17 key locations in regional NSW to improve critical freight access.

Bridges for the Bush includes replacing or upgrading five key priority higher mass limit (HML) deficient bridges on state managed roads and 12 timber truss bridges on state, regional and local roads.