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COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO CALL FOR FEEDBACK ON NEW BATEMANS BAY BRIDGE

The community of Batemans Bay has spoken and the results are in - most people are supportive of a replacement bridge across the Clyde River.

Member for Bega Andrew Constance said 253 community members gave feedback via a survey on the preferred option, which would result in faster and safer travel in and around the town.

“The new bridge would be built west of the existing crossing and is proposed to have four lanes for traffic as well as a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists,” Mr Constance said.

“Feedback from the community has been positive, with the majority agreeing traffic delays at the Princes and Kings Highway intersection need to be addressed.

“More than 70 per cent of people believe a new four lane bridge is needed now and in the future to improve their daily commute.

“Around 63 per cent of those surveyed on the preferred option agree the existing bridge should be recognised once it is removed and the new crossing opens.”

Mr Constance said the main topics raised by the community were the visual design, the Princes Highway and Kings Highway intersection and project timing.

“All feedback received is being taken into consideration and the bridge design is now being refined and an environmental assessment is under way,” Mr Constance said.

The community will be kept informed as the project progresses. More information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website at: www.rms.nsw.gov.au/batemansbaybridge.