Background

The NSW Government is planning for major restoration work on Briner Bridge, near Tucabia. The work will increase the bridge’s load capacity to 42.5 tonnes and reduce maintenance requirements while retaining the heritage significance of the truss span.

After considering community feedback, a temporary bridge is proposed to be built immediately upstream of Briner Bridge. This would allow traffic to cross the river while work is undertaken on the existing bridge, while also providing a safe site for our workers.

The proposal to upgrade the bridge includes:

- Improving the structural capacity of the bridge
- Widening the bridge deck with an approved heritage arrangement to allow two lanes of traffic
- Restoring the bridge for elevation to the State Heritage Register.

In developing plans to restore the bridge, Roads and Maritime has been working closely with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to ensure the bridge’s heritage features are retained.
Once feedback is received and considered, we will finalise the design and complete other development activities. Subject to funding availability work is expected to start by April 2019. Work will take about 14 months to complete, including installation and removal of the temporary bridge and restoration work of the existing Briner Bridge.

**Review of Environmental Factors for restoration work**

Roads and Maritime Services has prepared a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to determine the environmental and social impacts for the restoration work to Briner Bridge. The REF is now on display for public information and comment.

The REF explains the proposed method to construct the temporary bridge and the proposed restoration work involved on Briner Bridge. It also addresses how the work will be managed and the proposed methods used to minimise environmental impacts on:

- **The local community through access, noise and vibration**
- **Flora and fauna, including a colony of microbats**
- **Soils and water quality**
- **Flooding**

You are now invited to provide feedback on the REF by Monday 26 November 2018.

**Display locations**

The REF is on display at these locations:

- **Tucabia Village General Store**
  12 Cordini Street, Tucabia
- **Roads and Maritime regional office,**
  76 Victoria Street, Grafton
- **Clarence Valley Council offices’**
  2 Prince Street, Grafton and 50 River Street, Maclean

**Community drop-in sessions**

Members of the project team will be available to answer your questions about the REF and receive your feedback on the project at:

- **Tucabia Community Hall, Clarence Street**
  Wednesday 14 November 2018
  12pm – 2pm and 4pm – 7pm

There will be no formal presentation, so you can visit at any time during the session.

**Have your say**

Please provide feedback on the REF by **Monday 26 November 2018**, by sending your comments to:

**Email:** grafton.regional.office@rms.nsw.gov.au

**Mail:** Briner Bridge project REF, PO Box 576, Grafton NSW 2460

**Phone:** (02) 6640 1300 (between 8.30am and 4.30pm)

Feedback can also be submitted at the community drop-in session.

**What happens next?**

Feedback on the REF and design will be considered and a submissions report published early next year.

Once the project is approved Roads and Maritime will complete the design. Subject to funding being finalised, we will prepare for construction.

We will continue to keep the project updated as the project progresses.

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**For more information**

For more information about the REF please contact Roads and Maritime Services Project Manager, Alex Rosnell on:

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