

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## RTA TAKES FRESH APPROACH TO GRAFTON BRIDGE STUDY

An RTA spokesperson today said the RTA has listened to the community and revised the process for identifying a location for the second crossing of the Clarence River, Grafton.

“The RTA will carry out an initial survey which will ask local residents and businesses to identify issues and make further suggestions for the crossing,” an RTA spokesperson said.

“The initial survey will be attached to a community update brochure being distributed to Grafton and surrounding residences and businesses in early December. The survey is reply paid and closes on 8 February 2011.

“A further phone survey will also be carried out in early 2011 to gather further information for the later stages of the project.

“Both surveys are a positive step towards the planning of the bridge. The RTA wants to ensure that local needs are considered before making any decisions,” an RTA spokesperson said.

The RTA spokesperson said members of the community have asked we reconsider the original options for a second bridge.

“I appreciate that local residents have raised concerns about the overall consultation process and we take these issues seriously.

“The RTA, with input from the community, will look at each route option, and consider them for a second crossing.

Displays with community update information will be exhibited at:

- **Grafton Shopping World**  
Thursday 9 December and Thursday 16 December,  
from 9am to 1pm and 5pm to 7pm.
- **Bi Lo Complex, Bent Street, South Grafton**  
Thursday 9 December and Thursday 16 December,

from 9am to 1pm and 5pm to 7pm.

“The RTA welcomes the community to these displays to speak with members of the project team,” an RTA spokesperson said.

Non-staffed displays will also be available for community review at:

- **RTA Pacific Highway Office**  
21 Prince Street, Grafton NSW 2460  
(Mon-Fri, 8.30am-4.30pm)

- **RTA Motor Registry Office Grafton**  
3 King Street, Grafton

The existing crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton was opened to traffic in 1932. It is a combined rail and road structure. The current approaches to the bridge are generally four lanes that merge into a two-lane bridge.

The crossing carries an average weekday volume of 27,000 vehicles (2009) and experiences long queues and delays during morning and afternoon peaks.

The local community has been advocating for a second crossing to improve traffic flow in the centre of Grafton and to reduce congestion.

For more information please visit the RTA website [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/grafonbridge](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/grafonbridge), phone: 1800 633 332 (toll free), email: [grafonbridge@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:grafonbridge@rta.nsw.gov.au) or mail PO Box 546, Grafton, NSW 2460