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Dear resident

In January 2012 Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) announced six route options to go forward for further investigation as part of the process to identify a recommended preferred option for an additional crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton.

This letter is to advise you that further field investigations, including geotechnical boreholes, are planned to take place during the week commencing 12 March 2012 near the river bank at the end of Fry Street in the Council road reserve.

Investigations will be undertaken during the day and will not impact your property or access to your property.

Field investigations are a critical part of the project and your understanding of this matter is appreciated. All field staff will be carrying identification, and the local police have been identified of the field team's movements in the area during this time.

Please note that a final location for the additional crossing has not yet been identified and that the location of the field investigations does not necessarily mean that the preferred route would be located in this vicinity.

Next steps

The next step in the process to identify a recommended preferred location for the additional crossing is to prepare the Route Options Development Report on the investigations undertaken on the short-listed options, which will be displayed for community comment.

Community comments received, together with the investigations undertaken and the outcomes of a Value Management Workshop will input into a decision on a recommended preferred option.

The recommended preferred option will then be displayed and feedback from this will be considered by RMS before a final decision is made on the preferred location for an additional crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton.

Community involvement will continue throughout the process for selecting the recommended preferred location for an additional crossing.

A copy of the *Preliminary Route Options Report - Final*, January 2012 and the January 2012 community update which identify the short-list of options and outline the short-listing process on the 25 preliminary route options that were identified in the *Feasibility Assessment Report* (June 2011) are available on the project website or by contacting the project team.

Roads and Maritime Services

If you have further questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the free information line 1800 633 332, email the project team at graftonbridge@rta.nsw.gov.au or visit the project website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/graftonbridge.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Clark', with a horizontal line underneath.

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On 1 November 2011 a new organisation called Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) was formed to replace the Roads and Traffic Authority and NSW Maritime. RMS will focus solely on delivering quality services to the customer.