



Letter from Bob Higgins



Hello

We have prepared this document to explain to the community some changes in direction, to identify a route for a second crossing project of the Clarence River at Grafton.

A revised process is outlined, where we are going back to ask residents and stakeholders their views on suitable crossing locations and the issues that may arise.

We need to get the location of the second crossing right. Sections of the community have asked us to reconsider options for a second bridge as well as raising concerns about the basis and justification for identifying the four preliminary route options.

We take these issues seriously.

It is very important as part of this process that we:

- engage with the local Council and the business community, as well as affected landowners, all bridge users and other key stakeholders; and
- clearly explain the needs and purpose of this second crossing, and its relationship to any future upgrading of the Summerland Way.

I ask for your support as we re-examine all possible options. The first step is to survey residents on:

- what they consider the most important issues in planning a second crossing;
- what areas we should avoid and why;
- suggestions for the location of a second crossing and very importantly why.

This information will greatly assist the project team in preparing a full list of options and then by working with the community, develop a short list of options for further consideration and finally determining a preferred option for the second crossing.

The process will be transparent. We will involve and make information available to all residents and stakeholders at the appropriate times, and not afterwards.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Project Manager Chris Clark (details at the back of the brochure), after reading this document, if you need further information.

Regards

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