

To the **householder**



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Dear resident / business owner

New crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton – consultation resumes

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is pleased to advise that a traffic study reviewing the need for a second bridge at Grafton has been completed and consultation is set to resume next year to develop a preferred option.

The traffic study confirms that the most appropriate location for a new bridge is in the vicinity of the existing bridge.

While the RTA's traffic study report confirmed the general bridge location, it also identified the need to evaluate connections between a new bridge and the existing road network. As a result, the RTA will develop options for road connections to a new bridge. Following community consultation an announcement of a preferred option is expected by the end of 2010.

Early next year the RTA will be inviting the community to become involved in the development of the options. Community information sessions and other consultation activities will be held to identify the best option for connecting a new bridge to the local road network so as to achieve the best overall outcome for the whole of the Clarence Valley community.

While funding for construction of a new bridge has not yet been confirmed, this next step in the planning process is vital to provide clarity for Clarence Valley Council and the local community.

Residents and businesses of the Clarence Valley area are encouraged to become involved in this next phase of the planning process.

Further information, including a copy of the traffic study, is available on the RTA's website: www.rta.nsw.gov.au/constructionmaintenance and then go to regional projects or you can contact the project manager, Stephen Williamson on 6640 1300 to discuss. Please note the RTA's Regional Office will be closed from Friday 25 December and reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2009.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Bell".

David Bell
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