

## **New Tabulam Bridge Project**

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**The NSW Government is funding a new Bruxner Highway bridge over the Clarence River at Tabulam. The existing bridge will be replaced with a new bridge as part of the Bridges for the Bush program.**

Roads and Maritime is delivering this project, which involves building a new 290 metre long bridge across the Clarence River at Tabulam. The new bridge will be built downstream of the existing crossing. Once the new bridge is open to traffic the existing bridge will be removed.



**Artist impression of the new bridge – looking east towards Tabulam Village**

### **Delisting the existing bridge**

Due to the significant maintenance costs of the existing Tabulam Bridge, the structure must be removed once the new bridge is built. Earlier this year Roads and Maritime submitted an application to the Heritage Council to remove the existing Tabulam Bridge from the State Heritage Register.

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The Heritage Council carried out a formal consultation process and the Minister for Heritage has approved the application for delisting.

The Heritage Council will now start the administrative process to remove the bridge from the Heritage Register.

Roads & Maritime is continuing to look at ways to remember the existing bridge and maintain the link between the bridge and the heritage values of Tabulam. To commemorate the timber bridge, replica trusses of the old bridge will be included on the new bridge, as seen in the artist's impression below.

### **Tenders called to build the new bridge**

Tenders are currently being called for companies to build the new Tabulam Bridge. The contract includes constructing a new 290 metre structure across the Clarence River and the associated road work on both approaches.

The new bridge will be one lane in either direction to improve road transport productivity and traffic efficiency, and have a separate shared pathway to improve pedestrian and cycle safety.

Further information about the work and information documents can be obtained from <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/rms>. Tenders will close at 2.30pm on Wednesday 7 September 2016.

A separate process will be carried out for the removal of the existing bridge once the new bridge is open to traffic. The new bridge is expected to be completed mid-2019, weather permitting.



**Shared pathway and timber to trusses to be part of the new bridge**

### **For more information**

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