

New Tabulam Bridge project

February 2016

The NSW Government is planning for 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.

Review of Environmental Factors (REF)

To assess the potential environmental and social impacts of the New Tabulam Bridge, a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was prepared and displayed for community comment in February and March 2015.

We received eight submissions and this feedback has been collated in a Submissions Report which is available on the project website. Each submission was individually examined to understand and respond to the issues raised.

The main issues related to:

- Heritage impact of removing the existing bridge
- Construction impacts
- Design of the new bridge
- Impact on an existing flying fox colony
- Flooding and river access.

After considering issues raised in the submissions, the environmental management measures for the project have been revised to provide greater clarity around heritage matters, access to the river and construction impacts. On this basis the project will go ahead as proposed, subject to the State Heritage delisting for the

existing bridge. We would like to thank everyone who reviewed the REF and provided feedback.

Detailed design

Detailed design work has been taking place during the second half of 2015, with a number of field investigations being completed to inform the final design of the bridge. Feedback during the REF process has also been incorporated into the final design.

Community drop-in session

Detailed design of the new bridge has been carried out and almost complete. You are invited to view the design and provide feedback at a community information session:

When: Thursday 25 February 2016

Time: 4.00 – 7.00pm

Where: Tabulam Village Hall

The project team will be available to answer any questions.

For more information

For more information about the project please contact the project team by:

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