

8 Social and economic issues

All options being considered have the potential to have long term, positive effects on the local community by improving traffic flow and improving road and pedestrian safety in the area.

The preliminary socio-economic issues for the options are primarily isolated to the Richmond and North Richmond townships. Therefore the socio-economic constraints outlined below are common for all options.

- Resident and commercial on-street parking along March Street, Richmond. All options would likely require removal of some on-street parking and/or limiting on-street parking to non-peak periods.
- Access to and from residential and commercial properties along the March Street, Richmond and Kurrajong Road, North Richmond road corridor.
- Access to and from the adjacent recreation areas, such as Richmond Park and Hanna Park.
- Impacts to amenity and heritage values within the townships.
- Recreational use of and access to the Hawkesbury River.
- Connections for pedestrians and cyclists. All options provide for a shared path across the bridge and between the townships.

Providing access to the Windsor Polo Club, residents and agricultural properties along the Old Kurrajong Road on the north eastern side of Kurrajong Road is a constraint for all options.

Partial property acquisition may be required for all options. However the amount of acquisition required would vary between options. Options C and D would require more property acquisition than option A and B as those options increase the size of the road corridor. The more acquisition that is required the bigger the constraint on the option.

Improved local access and connectivity for flood events greater than the current level of the existing Richmond Bridge will be provided by Options C and D.



Support structure of the water main on the downstream side of Richmond Bridge