

# Sportsmans Creek new bridge project



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COMMUNITY UPDATE – REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

The NSW Government is funding the Sportsmans Creek new bridge as part of the Bridges for the Bush initiative. An environmental assessment has been completed for the project and is now available on the project website.



*Indicative photomontage of the Sportsmans Creek new bridge.*

## Current status

Roads and Maritime Services is continuing to plan for the Sportsmans Creek new bridge. A recommended option was displayed in November – December 2013 and was confirmed as the preferred option in July 2014.

A review of environmental factors (REF) has been completed for building the new bridge. The REF assessed the proposed bridge against relevant NSW legislation and other environmental planning requirements. It also identifies all environmental impacts associated with the Sportsmans Creek new bridge and includes mitigation measures to minimise these impacts.

The REF is now available to view on the project website.

The existing Sportsmans Creek bridge would be removed after the new bridge is built. The impacts of removing the existing bridge are being assessed separately. The project team is looking at ways to recognise the history of the existing bridge following removal.

## Next steps

Now that the REF process for constructing the new bridge is complete, a number of enabling works will start in preparation for building the bridge. These may include:

- Power relocation
- Removal of the building at the southern end of Grafton Street
- Investigations to inform the detailed design.

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## Flo Clark Park public boat ramp closure

During the building phase of the Sportsmans Creek new bridge, the public boat ramp in Flo Clark Park will not be available for public use due to its proximity to the work site.

Alternative access to the Clarence River will be available from the boat ramp in Memorial Park, Lawrence.

Roads and Maritime will be seeking to minimise the length of time access to Flo Clark Park boat ramp is restricted.

The community will be kept informed of any changed access arrangements.

### More information

Copies of the project documents are available online or by contacting the project team.

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