

# Letter to the householder



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## New Sportsmans Creek bridge

RMS is inviting community input to develop and assess options for a new bridge over Sportsmans Creek at Lawrence.

Work has started to develop and assess a range of options for a new bridge over Sportsmans Creek at Lawrence.

To safely meet traffic demands, a new concrete bridge is required to replace the existing Sportsmans Creek bridge. You are invited to take part in this process.

### Latest news

The study area (see overleaf) shows the area being considered for locating the new bridge.

You are invited to meet the project team in Lawrence. Two drop-in sessions will be held to discuss the project.

**When:** Thursday 18 July 2013  
Session one: 11am to 2pm  
Session two: 4pm to 7pm

**Where:** Lawrence Public Hall  
10 Bridge Street  
Lawrence NSW 2460

Drop in to discuss issues significant to you and the wider community when planning for a new bridge crossing. There will be no formal presentation.

If you are unable to attend either session, contact us to provide your input or arrange another time to meet the project team – see contact details on the back.

Your input – along with a range of technical studies, including environment, heritage, flood, traffic and noise – will be considered before options are developed for community comment.

A report summarising the community's input will be available on the project website [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects)

### Background

The existing Sportsmans Creek bridge is located at the southern approach to Lawrence on Bridge Street, which connects to the Grafton-Lawrence Road. The bridge comprises three timber beam approach spans and two timber Dare Truss spans built in 1911.

Traffic can only use the bridge in one direction at a time and truck and bus speeds are limited to 20km/hr. There is no dedicated space for cyclists and pedestrians.

Geometry and design limitations of the existing bridge mean it is unable to be safely or cost-effectively upgraded to cater for the future haulage requirements of local agricultural industries, two-way traffic and pedestrian access.

Therefore, as part of the NSW statewide RMS Timber Truss Bridge Conservation Strategy, Sportsmans Creek Bridge will be demolished and replaced with a new structure.



Investigations will focus within the study area marked on the map above. The project team will take into account impacts on surrounding roads, land and neighbourhoods.

The new Sportsmans Creek bridge project is part of the 'Bridges for the Bush' initiative – a NSW Government commitment to improve road freight productivity by replacing or upgrading bridges.

### Project objectives

The objectives of the project are:

- Enhance road safety for motorists, residents, cyclists and pedestrians
- Improve traffic efficiency within Lawrence
- Improve road transport productivity, efficiency, maintainability and reliability
- Support local and regional economic development
- Allow for safe removal of the existing bridge
- Minimise the impact on the natural, cultural, social and built environment
- Consider community members' views
- Deliver value for money.

### Contact us

For more information or to join the project's mailing list and be updated regularly on progress, contact:

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### Next steps

