

**Dear Resident** 

# Tantulean Creek Bridge Replacement and Road Closures at Little River Road, Mongarlowe

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council will be replacing the bridge at Tantulean Creek, Mongarlowe. Please see below for detailed project information.

## Project Overview & Funding

QPRC has secured a \$1,397,000.00 grant under Fixing Country Bridges Round 2B to replace the existing timber bridge at Tantulean Creek on Little River Road, Mongarlowe. The project includes demolishing the existing timber structure and constructing a new concrete bridge using InQuik components. Roadworks will also be carried out on both bridge approaches. The new single-span bridge will measure 18.5m length and 8.42m width.

## Why replace Tantulean Creek Bridge?

While the existing bridge is still functional, it is nearing the end of its service life. Council accepted a report from the Director of Infrastructure at the September 2019 Council meeting advising of a timber bridge replacement priority list within the LGA. The report considered the condition rating of the current bridge, maintenance costs and resilience to natural disasters. This project will reduce future maintenance costs, and enhance road safety and connectivity to Braidwood.

In December 2022, Council resolved to accept grant funding under Fixing Country Bridges Program Round 2B. At the conclusion of this funding Council will have 5 timber bridges remaining within the LGA. The funding requires the bridge replacement project to be delivered by August 2025.

#### **Project Scope & Duration**

The project will involve:

- Complete demolition of the existing timber bridge;
- Minor clearing around the bridge area;
- Installation of InQuik bridge components;
- Minor road works to tie the bridge into the road.

During construction, the road will be closed, requiring local residents and travellers to take a detour via Kings Highway and Northangera Road, adding approximately 12 minutes to travel time (one way). A temporary pedestrian bridge will be installed for those wishing to leave their vehicles on either side of the worksite at their own risk.

The Little River Road will be closed from **4 June 2025** for approximately 12 weeks, weather permitting. During this period, access to the affected properties will be maintained at all times. Please refer to the attached Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) for Little River Road closure for further details.

#### Detour via Kings Highway & Northangera Road – Safety Measures

To improve road conditions prior to the detour commencement, maintenance work has been carried out on Northangera Road, including:

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- Grading and drainage works
- Pruning of overhanging branches
- Assessment and removal of vegetation that impact the safe use of the road
- Installation of temporary road works signage and advisory signs.

Maintenance works on Northangera Road will continue as required while the detour is in place.

Temporary road signs and Variable Message Boards (VMS) are placed at key locations, including Wilson Street (Braidwood), Kings Highway (near Northangera Road), and the corner of Clyde Street (Mongarlowe), to inform road users about the closure and detour. Please refer to the attached TGS for Northangera Road for further details.

#### Impact on Bus Services

We have consulted with the bus company about the detour via Northangera Road, which will add approximately 12 minutes to travel time each way. There will be slight adjustments to school pickup and drop-off times, and affected families will be notified directly by the bus company.

## **Cattle Sales and business deliveries**

Council acknowledges that truck deliveries for cattle sales, as well as deliveries for local residents and businesses will be taking place while the road is closed. We encourage affected residents and businesses to inform their suppliers about potential delays due to the detour, allowing for appropriate adjustments to delivery schedules.

Residents and businesses who may still be affected with logistic issues regarding transport of goods can contact Council directly with specifics to resolve on a case by case basis. Escorting of transport vehicles will be considered.

## Minimising Community Impact

We acknowledge that the project may cause some inconvenience to the local community and essential services. However, QPRC's Transport Construction team is actively working to minimise disruptions wherever possible.

#### In an Emergency

Emergency services have been notified of the road closure and the detour via Northangera Road. In the event of an emergency such as flooding, please call '000' to receive assistance.

If you have any further questions, please contact Council on 1300 735 025 or email <u>council@qprc.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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