

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Planning for the replacement of Tanduringie Creek Bridge

- Planning is underway to improve the safety and efficiency of Tanduringie Creek bridge on Kingaroy—Cooyar Road.
- The aging, single-lane bridge is unsuitable and requires ongoing maintenance.
- TMR will continue to engage with the adjacent property owners and other key stakeholders to gain feedback on a proposal to replace the timber bridge with a new concrete bridge.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is underway with planning to investigate options for upgrading the Tanduringie Creek timber bridge on Kingaroy—Cooyar Road.

Tanduringie Creek bridge currently has an excess mass restriction and is reduced to single lane operation. TMR has been looking at options for constructing a new, wider and elevated concrete bridge on a new alignment, to improve flood immunity, safety and traffic efficiency.

Kingaroy—Cooyar Road is a key freight and tourist route linking the New England Highway to Kingaroy and the D'Aguilar Highway in the north.

There is currently no funding for detailed design work or construction of a new bridge, however the planning phase investigations will identify a preferred option for the bridge and assist TMR to assess the project's priority status for future funding.

Quotes attributable to TMR's Regional Director for Southern Queensland Bill Lansbury:

"The Queensland Government is funding several high priority road transport planning projects in regional areas to improve road safety and transport efficiency and boost our agricultural industry who rely heavily on a safe and efficient road network.

"We've allocated \$496,000 for the planning work for the Tanduringie Creek bridge replacement which will identify a suitable, value for money option for the future bridge replacement.

TMR will continue to keep the community informed about the project as it progresses."

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