

Section: MOTION ON NOTICE 16 December 2008

**Item: 10.007/08 SPORTSMANS CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - LAWRENCE
ATTACHMENT**

SUMMARY

I propose that the following report and notice of motion be adopted by Council.

PROPOSED MOTION

That Clarence Valley Council renew lobbying to the New South Wales Minister for Roads Hon Michael Daley to secure a replacement concrete bridge structure on Sportsman's Creek at Lawrence.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - item 10.007/08

(Crs Tiley/ Hughes)

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Voting recorded as follows:

For: Councillors Williamson, Dinham, Howe, Hughes, McKenna, Simmons, Tiley, Toms

Against: Nil

BACKGROUND

When Mayor I met with the New South Wales Parliamentary Secretary for Roads on 11th November 2005 and made the case for the old timber heritage listed bridge over Sportsman's Creek bridge at Lawrence to be replaced by a concrete structure in accordance with community wishes, on either the Rutland or Grafton Street alignment.

ISSUES

No result was secured from those representations. The 'sticking point' was the fact that the existing timber bridge had been heritage listed and was required to be maintained in perpetuity. The Minister was not prepared to commit funds for this purpose. Council expressed preparedness to undertake ongoing necessary maintenance provided that RTA full cost maintenance funding was provided. A copy of council's presentation at the time is attached for information of councillors.

On 20th May this year I renewed representations to then Roads Minister Eric Roozendaal. That correspondence is also attached. I am doubtful as to whether the representations have been acknowledged. **ORDINARY MEETING 16 DECEMBER**

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The old timber bridge has been forcibly narrowed and traffic lights now permanently control traffic passage. Many residents have been seeking a replacement concrete for a very long time.

Councillor Ian Tiley

6 December 2008