

7. Acquisition of Land for road widening of approaches to the Deep Creek Bridge on Mt Darragh Road

This report seeks Council approval for the acquisition of land for road widening for the approaches to the Deep Creek Bridge currently under construction on the Mt Darragh Road (MR91).

Group Manager, Infrastructure Waste & Water

BACKGROUND

Council is currently replacing the existing timber bridge at Deep Creek on the Mt Darragh Road (MR91) at Lochiel with a new concrete structure under the Timber Bridge Replacement Partnership

ISSUES

The Acquisition of land for road widening for the approaches to the new bridge is required. Details of the acquisition are

1. Lot 384 DP 1062442 Area Required 1,500 sq metres (Owner Lochiel Pastoral Co- SJ and LJ Powell).
2. Lot 385 DP 1062442 Area required 734 sq Metres (Owner SJ and LJ Powell).

Legal

Valuation of \$6,000 has been provided by an independent valuer, Caddey Searl and Jarman for the total land area proposed for acquisition.

Environmental

NSW Fisheries have approved the treatment of the fish passage through the new structure.

Asset

The aging timber bridge is being replaced by a concrete structure comprising a 3 cell precast concrete box culvert. This structure will require minimal ongoing maintenance.

Social / Cultural

Local Aboriginal Land Council have been consulted and have no concerns with the works proceeding.

Consultation

The property owners have provided Council with a permit to enter to allow the works to proceed.

Financial

Works funded under the RTA's Timber Bridge Replacement Partnership. The program is 50/50 RTA Grant and Council funds. Council funding is via the Bridge Construction loan program.

CONCLUSION

The acquisition allows the construction of the new structure to proceed and provide a better approach to the new bridge.

RECOMMENDATION

40 That the acquisition of a total of 2,234 square metres of land within Lots 384 and 385 DP1062442 for bridge purposes be approved with compensation of \$6,000 paid to the landowners and that authority be given to the Mayor and General Manager to sign the required documents.