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Dear Sir

Submission on Additional Clarence River Crossing Route Options Display

The Clarence Environment Centre has little interest in the proposed route options from an environmental viewpoint. However, as our charter does include social justice issues, some of the proposed new crossings of the Clarence River do raise concerns for us.

It is our view that route options A, C, E and 11, as shown on your "have your say" flier, are unacceptable given the impacts on those who will be forced from their homes as a result, and the ever increasing volume of heavy vehicle traffic that will impact other residents through noise, smells, and health threatening emissions over the longer term.

Let us point out the obvious that the Grafton Bridge is part of a trunk road joining the Pacific Highway to the Summerland Way. If any of the above-mentioned options were chosen, Grafton would be the only city in the civilised world planning to place a trunk road through its suburbs rather than constructing a bypass of the city.

Therefore, we see option 15 as the only acceptable route, and recommend that even this option be moved away from Kirchner Street, taking a direct route from the river bank, north of Kirchner Street to avoid impacts to residents to the greatest degree possible.

We point out that route E might also have consequences for Susan Island in the long term as the island is moving slowly down stream as the western tip erodes away and sand is deposited at the eastern extremity.

Yours sincerely
John Edwards
Honorary Secretary.