



KEMPSEY  
Shire Council

## NOTICE OF MOTION

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009

<b>NOM2</b>	<b>SECOND BRIDGE CROSSING INVESTIGATIONS</b>
	<b>FILE: 452 BJM {Folio No. *}</b>

I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary meeting of Kempsey Shire Council to be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009.

***“That Council:***

1. ***engage Cardno MBK to review the overall scope, estimate, Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) and Net Present Value (NPV) for a “Second Bridge Crossing of the Macleay River in the Kempsey Urban Area***
2. ***seek grant funding, and in the event that grant funding can not be confirmed prior to adopting Councils budget for FY 2009 / 2010 allocated funds, to review the original report prepared by Cardno MBK titled “Report – Second Bridge Crossing Kempsey” in 2004.***
3. ***reconsider its decision “That the Second Bridge Crossing Project be deferred at this stage” as resolved at its Ordinary Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005, in the event that the review of the Cardno MBK report determines a favourable BCR.”***

**RATIONALE:**

1. Traffic Counts show that approximately 60% of the Kempsey Traffic Bridge (KTB) vehicles travel down Belgrave Street. This movement indicates that these vehicles are predominately local traffic.
2. Under normal, (non holiday season traffic) the extent of traffic disruption on a daily basis both on the southern approach to the KTB and the Belgrave Street approach to the KTB are evident. This situation is only going to worsen as traffic volumes increase over time.
3. The traffic disruptions experienced during December 2008 and January 2009 have been the most severe, with this disruption likely to only increase in the future.
4. The original decision “to defer the Second Bridge Crossing at this stage” on 8 March 2005, was coupled with a resolution to approach the Minister for Roads to ensure the prompt commencement of construction of the Kempsey Highway Bypass and seeking a firm commitment to commencement. It is understood that a letter to this effect was forwarded to the Minister. However four years later, some

progress has been made, a firm commitment to commencement is still not available.

5. Opportunities exist to seek funding from Federal and State Governments and other interested parties to offset the cost of a Second Bridge Crossing. It is acknowledged that success in obtaining such funding will necessitate considerable lobbying at a Political level. Some possible funding sources are:
  - Infrastructure Funding
  - RTA Footbridge needs replacing
  - Telstra
  - Country Energy
  - Others
6. Linking South Kempsey to West Kempsey would assist in "Closing the Gap" by improving social cohesion between West, Central and South Kempsey.
7. Increase activity that would be generated in the road corridor along Queen Street from South Street to the Macleay River and West Kempsey would reduce the potential for Anti Social behaviour in this area.
8. Provides increased opportunities for West Kempsey CBD and for Industrial and Residential development to the south of the Macleay River. It is considered development will ultimately be required for the long term economic health and well being of the Kempsey community. The second crossing will eventually become a necessity if Kempsey is to continue to develop and prosper.
9. Provides enhanced linkages for Essential Services, which are predominately located in the West Kempsey area to attend to incidents south of the Macleay River.

Note:

A cost estimate to update the original report has been requested and should be available to verbally advise the meeting on 03 February 2009.

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#### **MOTION IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***Nil***

- ***Social***

***The construction of a second bridge crossing on the Macleay River is considered to be a critical piece of infrastructure that is essential to the long term Social cohesion and economic development of the Kempsey region.***

- ***Economic (Financial)***

*The cost to review the original report would be minimal. Whilst the cost to construct the second bridge crossing will be significant, it is considered that the benefits that this vital piece of infrastructure will provide in the long term are considerable for the entire region.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

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COUNCILLOR E A CAMPBELL