



The Resident

Dear Sir/Madam

Central Coast Council is proposing to undertake **safety improvements to St Huberts Island Bridge** to prevent illegal jumping activity. The project involves removal of the existing handrail and the provision of safety fencing on both sides of the bridge. This project is being undertaken in partnership with the Australian Government as part of the Central Coast Roads Package. Council is aware of strong community opinions, particularly on the amenity, and is committed to continuing to consult with the community to ensure the new safety measures can be put in place to protect lives and keep our community and visitors safe, whilst considering the amenity of the area.

As a result of feedback received from the community and discussions held with the Federal Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks, Council committed to further exploring options which may alleviate community concerns regarding aesthetics of the fencing structure. These investigations are nearing finalisation, with illustrations also prepared showing the proposed safety fencing. An example of the illustrations is attached for your perusal.

A community drop-in session has also been arranged should residents and community members wish to discuss the project with Council Officers. This drop-in session to be held at the Empire Bay Public Hall is scheduled for Thursday 29 October 2020 between 3.30pm and 7.30pm. The drop-in session will be operating in accordance with the NSW Government COVID restrictions (as at 13 October 2020) with the implementation of a COVID Safe Plan to ensure a safe environment for both staff and the community. Those wishing to attend the drop-in session will be required to pre-book at the following link <https://sthubertsislandbridge.eventbrite.com.au>. Due to current restrictions, no walk-ins will be able to be accommodated at the drop-in session and participants will be requested not to congregate outside of the Hall.

Following finalisation of the above further investigation; holding of the community drop-in session; and review of further feedback received, Council Officers will provide a further update on this project.

Should you have any queries regarding the drop in session you may contact Council's Sonia Dennehy by emailing sonia.dennehy@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au. For project details you are invited to contact Council's Acting Section Manager Project Development, Lionel Huang by emailing lionel.huang@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au. Additionally, these Council Officers can be contacted by telephoning Council on 1300 463 954.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Spare".

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