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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your submission regarding the proposal to install safety fencing on St Huberts Island Bridge.

This safety fencing project is being delivered as part of the Federal Government's Central Coast Roads Package with funding provided by the Australian Government. Council Officers are continuing to consult with residents and community members on this project. 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. This has included using a black powder coated treatment instead of galvanized; perspex containing 'cut-outs'; improved signage and CCTV. These investigations are nearing finalisation, with illustrations also prepared showing the proposed safety fencing. An example of the illustrations is attached for your perusal.

Additionally, a community drop-in session has 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 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 are required to pre-book a time 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

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