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## HAVE SAY ON BID TO RESTORE BRIDGE TO FORMER GLORY

### Nigel Gladstone

A \$21 million project to repair, improve and maintain the 71 year-old Peats Ferry Bridge, which runs across the Hawkesbury River, is open for public comments.

The bridge was built in 1945 to replace a ferry service that was originally established by George Peat in 1847.

From 1945 until the 1980s,

when the Sydney to Newcastle Freeway was built, it was the main connection between Sydney and the industrial areas at Newcastle.

The proposed works include restoring the handrail, installing new traffic barriers to improve safety, adjusting the shared path and repairing or replacing metal sections that have corroded.

Hornsby State Liberal MP Matt Kean said the proposed project

was expected to take three years to complete, weather permitting, with work planned to start later this year.

"For the safety of workers and motorists, scaffolding will be installed which may restrict the height of vehicles able to use the bridge," Mr Kean said.

"Community access would be restricted around the northern and southern sections of the bridge supports. Marine navigation through the bridge would be available at all times."

All comments will be considered as the project is progressed and the community will be kept informed, Mr Kean said.

Feedback on the proposal will be accepted until Monday, July 25, via mail to: DownerMouchel at PO Box 6465 North Ryde NSW 2113 or [nsw\\_projects@downermouchel.com](mailto:nsw_projects@downermouchel.com).



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Hornsby state Liberal MP  
Matt Kean at the Peats  
Ferry Bridge which is set  
to be repaired.  
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