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Re: Forestry Corporation contribution for Needhams bypasses and replacement of Connells Bridge.

Dear Jeff,

Thanks for making the time to meet with me at short notice on Friday 24th October,

This letter is to outline Forestry Corporations proposal to contribute towards two projects to secure log haulage from future plantation supply areas. These routes are from Smiths Plantation using Needhams Creek Road and Yabbra Plantation using Connells road. Both of these routes are important supply areas for the next five years as these plantations are harvested.

Needhams Bridge

It is proposed a contribution from FCNSW would assist the council to undertake:

- Survey and design for bypass route
- Environmental approvals, eg Fisheries
- Legal work associated with registering the easement.
- Construction of a crossing sufficient to enable loaded 7 axle mini b-doubles to cross the Tooloom Creek in a northerly direction.

In return for this FCNSW can contribute \$50K for this project. As previously discussed FCNSW has contributed \$30K for the upgrade of a second bridge on Needhams Road.

Connells Bridge:

Forestry Corporation propose to make a contribution of \$90K this financial year to facilitate the replacement of this bridge and bring the structure up to date to comply with A.S. 5100 and be suitable for 9 axle B-doubles to future proof the crossing.

Please let me know if you need any further information to enable these projects be undertaken.

As discussed, these funds are only assured for this financial year.

Regards



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