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Amafa kwaZulu-Natal
PO Box 2685
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Re: Tugela River Bridge at Tugela Ferry

Dear Sir / Madam,

As per our email dated 23 April 2013 we would like to bring the following to you attention:

Please note that the Department of Transport urgently needs to upgrade and maintain the Smiths Drift River Bridge at Tugela Ferry which is currently in a very poor state. The work involved does not trigger an EIA but we presume that this bridge is approximately 70 years old and the applicant will need consent from Amafa for any work to be done on this bridge.

The initial work envisaged will not alter the structure but will include sand blasting and painting. At the same time all structures will be inspected and checked for road user safety reasons but at this stage no major structural issues have been detected.

Thereafter the department intends to add a walkway for pedestrians to the outside of this bridge as due to the high volumes of traffic and pedestrians using the bridge it is becoming a major safety issue with numerous accidents already having occurred on the bridge.

Attached is a copy of the diagram of the proposed pedestrian walkway to be added to the bridge.

The tender for this work has been issued and the contractors would like to start working on the bridge as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Ruddle', written over a thin horizontal line.

Peter Ruddle