

**Submission
No 1**

**INQUIRY INTO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
IN CENTRAL WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Janet Noble

Date received: 29/07/2011

Re :The Replacing of Gooloogong (Holman) Bridge over Lachlan River at Gooloogong.

This bridge was opened in 1904 by the Premier of NSW Mr Holman MLA. Also present was the member for the district Mr Burgess.

As reported in the Sydney Morning Herald 5 October 1904 "By the opening of this bridge a straight line of communication will be opened, connecting Orange, Wellington, Dubbo etc in the north with Young, Wagga etc in the south"

Now in 2011 this line of communication is more vital than ever as since this bridge was built Canberra has come into being as our national capital.

I have been travelling over this bridge for the 46 years I have lived in Eugowra and then some. All this time repairs have been carried out with monotonous regularity. Spending a tremendous amount of money and we still have an old dangerous wooden bridge, which rattles and vibrates every time you drive over it, that is if it isn't closed for repairs.

As they said in 1904 this bridge is a vital line of communication from Brisbane, Dubbo in the north to Canberra, Wagga Wagga and Melbourne in the south and Orange in the east. With trucks getting heavier and more numerous, I fear it won't be long before there is a nasty accident caused by the bridge collapsing.

A new bridge is desperately needed, I support Katarina Hodgkinson MP in her effort to have to get a new bridge built, we don't want any more wasteful repairs.