

# Farm Access: Bridges and Culverts

Bridges and culverts are an essential part of our operations network. They provide vehicle access to property that would otherwise be divided by our supply or drainage channels.

As we modernise our network, we are undertaking a program to remove redundant assets where they are no longer needed, unsafe or are restricting the flow of water. Only retaining the assets that we need reduces our ongoing maintenance costs helping to keep our prices fair for all customers.

As part of our program we need to ensure that customers who have farms that are traversed by our network continue to have reasonable access over our channels. This fact sheet has been prepared as a guide for customers on when bridges and culverts will be provided and maintained by MI.

## When does MI provide and maintain bridges and culverts for farm access?

We will provide farm access over our infrastructure where:

- Without the bridge or culvert the Landholding would not have access to a public road.
- The structure is required to link two portions of the one Landholding divided by an MI supply or drainage channel, or
- The structure is required by MI Operations as an access point.

## What is the standard size for farm access bridges and culverts?

Our farm access bridges and culverts have a maximum 6 metre carriage way, which is site specific according to the conditions.

## What if I want additional or bigger access points?

Please contact us. Our customer engagement team will work with you to understand your needs and provide you with an approved design and or quote for the cost of the upgrade or new structure.

## Who is responsible for bridges and culverts on public roads?

Bridges and Culverts on public roads are the responsibility of the associated roads authority. In most cases this will be the local council. For larger roads this will generally be the NSW Roads and Maritime Service.

## Where do I get further information?

For further information or to discuss your farm access needs please contact us on (02) 6962 0200.



*A culvert providing access to a customer's property.*