

Replacement of Waddamana Bridge

Mr SHELTON question to MINISTER for INFRASTRUCTURE

Waddamana Bridge, also known as the Bashan Road Bridge or Ouse Bridge, was the suspension bridge constructed approximately 90 years ago as part of the hydroelectric scheme and connected small areas such as Miena and the Shannon to Ouse and Osterley. It is owned by the Central Highlands Council and maintained by State Growth. Due to the loss of tension in the suspension cables in the north-eastern side of the bridge, it sadly collapsed in March 2024 and was impassable to any vehicles and has now been removed. Constituents are having to cross the river via the existing ford, which becomes dangerous in the winter months and rainy events.

What discussions have been had for the replacement of the bridge and is there a completion date I can advise to my constituents?