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Tharwa Bridge – National Trust supports the ACT Government decision to retain and use the heritage listed bridge

The ACT National Trust welcomes today's decision by the Chief Minister to retain the exiting historic Tharwa Bridge and bring it up to a condition where it can be once again used as a road bridge to Tharwa Village.

National Trust Heritage Officer, Dr Peter Dowling, said the bridge, opened on 27 March 1895, has been Classified by the National Trust since September 1980 and heritage listed by the ACT Government since February 1996.

"We have been very concerned over the future conservation and use of the bridge for many years. A recent survey conducted among our members revealed very strong support for the retention of the bridge as the only crossing to Tharwa.

"Today is a good news day for the Tharwa Bridge and the heritage of the ACT."

"We are also relieved that the people of Tharwa can now see an end to their problems of having no bridge access to their village and that the various businesses of Tharwa can now look forward to a better economic future."

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