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| Other Names                       | N/A                           |              |
| Street Address                    | Ferry Road and Boat Ramp Road | Baffle Creek |
| Title Details/<br>GPS Coordinates | N/A                           |              |

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| Historical Context  |
| <p>The Baffle Creek Ferry Crossing was the primary means of transport between the town of Rosedale and the settlement of Baffle Creek. Baffle Creek was settled by German immigrants in 1908 and a ferry crossing was established slightly downstream of the current site. A sugar mill was constructed on Wartburg Hill in 1911 and in 1915 the mill assumed control of the ferry, shifting it to its current location and constructing a new ferry.</p> <p>The ferry provided direct access from the Baffle Creek settlement to Rosedale, which was connected to the North Coast Railway and therefore the markets and factories of Gladstone, Bundaberg, Maryborough and Brisbane.</p> <p>The ferry was used to transport sugar cane, milk and butter, cattle and cars and was essential to the economy of the Baffle Creek settlement. It continued to operate until 1965, when the Euleilah Bridge (spanning Euleilah Creek) was opened, thus removing the need for a ferry.</p> |

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| Physical Description   |
| <p>The Baffle Creek Ferry Crossing extends across Baffle Creek from Ferry Road in the south to Boat Ramp Road, and then connecting onto the Coast Road, in the north.</p> <p>The southern section consists of an unsealed road that slopes down to the creek. There are two upright timber posts on the eastern side of the road and partially in the water. One has distinctive horizontal markings and holes that indicate its connection with the ferry operation. There is a shelter on higher ground. On the western side is a barbed wire fence running parallel to the road. The area includes a variety of native trees and shrubs as well as mangroves along the bank of the creek.</p> <p>The northern section of the crossing is located at the end of a short road off Coast Road. The bitumen road slopes down towards the creek and is replaced by a concreted ramp that leads into the creek. The concrete shows chevron markings. On the western side is a barbed wire fence running parallel to the road. There are some native trees and shrubs.</p> |

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| Integrity              | Fair                      | Condition | Fair |
| Statutory Listings     | No statutory listings     |           |      |
| Non-Statutory Listings | No non-statutory listings |           |      |
| Inspection Date        | 13/10/2011                |           |      |

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| References  |
| Graham, D and Jodvalkis, C, 1996, Parish of Baffle: Gosen ‘The Promised Land’: Parish of Baffle and Surrounds, Glovers Printing Works, Bundaberg. |

| Heritage Significance |   |
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| Criteria              | Definition  |
| A                     | <i>The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region’s history.</i>  |
| Statement             | The Baffle Creek Ferry Crossing is important in demonstrating the evolution of the region’s history, as it enabled access for people and produce from Baffle Creek to Rosedale, which was connected to the North Coast Railway, thus ensuring the economic viability of the Baffle Creek community. |
| D                     | <i>The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places important to the region.</i>  |
| Statement             | The Baffle Creek Ferry Crossing demonstrates the principal characteristics of a ferry crossing, particularly remnant posts associated with ferry operations.  |
| G                     | <i>The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons important to the region.</i>   |
| Statement             | The Baffle Creek Ferry has a special association with the people of Baffle Creek, as it was a fundamental transport route that helped guarantee the economic viability of the Baffle Creek community and provided an important connection for Baffle Creek residents with the town of Rosedale.     |

