

MEDIA STATEMENT

28 August 2023

Macrossan Bridge to close for three nights in September

The Macrossan bridge on the Flinders Highway near Charters Towers will be closed for three nights next month, while essential maintenance works are carried out.

The bridge will close at 7pm each night and reopen to traffic at 5am each morning between Monday September 11 and Wednesday September 13, with no vehicle access permitted during the closures.

The night works are part of a larger package of maintenance works on the Macrossan Bridge which will begin on Tuesday 29 August and continue until Thursday 21 September, weather permitting.

The works will occur:

Tuesday 29 August to Thursday 7 September 2023 – day works

- Day works between the hours of 6am and 6pm.
- Motorists should expect lane closures, speed restrictions and minor delays.

Monday 11, Tuesday 12 and 13 September – night works/full closure

- Full bridge closure in place between the hours of 7pm and 5am.
- Motorists will **not** be able to travel on the bridge during these night works.

Friday 15 September to Thursday 21 September 2023 – day works

- Day works between the hours of 6am and 6pm.
- Motorists should expect lane closures, speed restrictions and minor delays.

Motorists are advised to plan their journeys and check QLDTraffic for the latest information before travelling.

For more information about these works, please contact the Northern District Customer and Stakeholder Management team by phone on 1800 625 648 or by email at engagement.northern@tmr.qld.gov.au.

For more information on impacts to the state-controlled road network, visit QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au or call 13 9 40.

Quotes attributable to TMR Northern A/District Director Kylee Petersen:

"The package of works has been planned to minimise impacts to motorists while ensuring crews can complete the bridge works safely and efficiently.

"Due to the width of the Macrossan Bridge, there is a constrained area for crews to work in, especially when applying a new skid-resistant surface along the centre of the bridge.

"Crews will undertake this work during three nights of full bridge closures in mid-September.

"They'll complete further works during the day in August and September, with traffic control measures in place including lane closures and speed restrictions.

"We recognise the impacts that road closures have on both local communities and industry, including freight vehicles.

"We have planned a combination of day and night works and minimised the nights that a full bridge closure is required, to ensure we are having the least possible impact on road users.

"Without an alternative route in the immediate area and limited roadside facilities we are asking motorists to please schedule their travel around these closures, rather than queueing at the works zone."

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