

Moreton Bay Rail Link

Construction notice

Looking out for wildlife during clearing operations

Construction of a new road-over-rail bridge is starting soon at Kinsellas Road East in Mango Hill. Throughout construction, the project team will be following plans and guidelines developed specifically to protect local wildlife and prevent injury. You can play a part too.

Clearing starts this month for Kinsellas Road East bridge

Vegetation at the site of the new bridge needs to be cleared to make way for construction. The project has developed a Koala Action Plan and Fauna Management and Tree Clearing Strategy to guide this work.

Site-specific clearing plans have been developed to minimise potential impacts on animal welfare. These strategies were developed in consultation with leading ecologists and wildlife specialists based on sequential clearing, state-of-the-art clearing methods, careful relocation of small ground mammals and use of exclusion fencing.

Spotter-catchers will play an ongoing role during construction so that wildlife entering the work area may be found and relocated safely.

What to expect

- Installation of temporary fencing to deter animals from straying onto Kinsellas Road East
- Experienced spotter-catcher personnel on site identifying fauna in the area and ensuring their safety and welfare
- Tree clearing equipment at work
- Some animals entering nearby properties and public areas as they move away from the work activities

Tree clearing is expected to take about 15 working days, weather permitting.

What you can do to help

There are several things local residents can do to help keep animals, including koalas, safe near project works.

Before clearing starts, if possible:

- Restrain your dogs.
- Place posts or climbing ropes inside your fences and pools to help roaming koalas escape.
- If a koala or other animal enters your property, try to keep your pets away and restrained.

Once clearing is underway, drive carefully and watch out for koalas and other wildlife on neighbourhood roads.

Call for assistance

If you find a koala that you think might have been displaced by vegetation clearing or might be in danger, please call our koala response personnel on 0429 933 761 for assistance.

Local koala and wildlife rescue groups have been advised that clearing activities will start soon.

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