

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Bruce Highway to be closed north of Townsville

The Bruce Highway north of Townsville will be closed nightly from 19-21 November for the removal of the disused rail overpass north of Greenvale Street at Yabulu.

District Director for Transport and Main Roads (Northern Region) Stephen Mallows said the highway would be closed between 8pm – 4am to reduce the impact on traffic.

“There will also be some day works involving lane closures before and after these works to assist with site set-up and demobilisation,” Mr Mallows said.

“On the nights of the closure, dependent on site and weather conditions, there will be an opportunity to escort some queuing vehicles around the works along an existing, low standard gravel detour.

“The detour will be available for a limited period, and under the direction of police.”

Timing for detour access will be determined each night and is anticipated to be around the middle of each closure period.

Motorists who travel this area at night should assume long delays and make alternative travel plans.

Heavy vehicles, motorbikes, caravans or vehicles towing a trailer will not be permitted to join any potential convoy past the works.

“We appreciate these closures will still affect some road users,” Mr Mallows said.

“We have been working hard to spread the message about these closures to as many stakeholders and community groups as possible.

“Most importantly, we need to ensure the safety of our road users, which is why we cannot have traffic on the road during the demolition of the overpass.

“Traffic controllers will be on site while works are underway to ensure access for emergency services.

“I thank motorists and the local community for their cooperation and patience.

“I encourage road users to visit the Qld Traffic website at www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au or by calling 131940 for updates about the closure.”

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