

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **Gillies Range Road to close for crashed truck retrieval**

Gillies Range Road will be closed to all traffic from Tuesday to Wednesday, 22-23 October, as well as Wednesday to Thursday 30-31 October 2019, to allow for the removal of a crashed truck.

Transport and Main Roads Director-General Neil Scales said specialist crews would carry out embankment stabilisation works from 22 to 23 October.

"The retrieval of a truck that crashed on the Gillies Range Road earlier this month will be a complex operation," Mr Scales said.

"The road will be closed to all traffic for two days initially to allow for geotechnical works to be undertaken at the crash site.

"Due to the site's nature, piles will be driven into the embankment and capped with concrete to allow construction of a pad to support the 230-tonne crane required for the lift.

"We will then need to wait for the concrete to cure and the site to settle before attempting to lift the truck.

"A further two-day closure will be required from 30 - 31 October to carry out the retrieval operation."

"In between the closures the road will be open to one lane under traffic control.

Mr Scales said the operation needed to be carried out during the day to ensure the safety of road users and recovery crews.

"Full closure is required to accommodate the oversize vehicles involved in the operation, and it would not be safe for other vehicles to share the road with these vehicles," he said.

"The crashed truck was transporting a 50-tonne crane which also needs to be retrieved.

"We acknowledge the inconvenience of these closures and will work as quickly as possible to re-open the road."

Motorists will experience long delays and are urged to plan their journey and consider an alternate route.

For up-to-date information on current road conditions, call 13 19 40 or check [QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au](http://QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au).

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