

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Hoofing it? Don't fawn over deer sightings

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TMR is monitoring the movements of the deer with every sighting reported helping to pinpoint high-risk locations where safety measures could be implemented.

All deer sightings are to reported to TMR by calling 1800 625 648 or sending an email to engagement.northern@tmr.qld.gov.au when it is safe to do so.

Please attribute quotes to Transport and Main Roads North Queensland Regional Director Ross Hodgman:

"We're monitoring the movements of these unexpected road visitors, and every sighting reported helps pinpoint high-risk locations."

"We're in the early stages of this work and engagement from the community is pivotal to us collecting as much information as possible on the activity and movements of these deer."

"The more information we have the more we can do to improve safety for motorists in areas we know deer are prevalent."

"The impact of a collision between a vehicles and deer are serious which is why we're trying to better understand where these deer are located within our region."

“We strongly encourage motorists who frequent the roads in these locations to keep an eye out for deer on their travels”

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