

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Speed reduction to help protect wildlife on Gold Coast Highway, Burleigh Heads

- The Department of Transport and Main Road's (TMR) is reducing the speed limit from 60km/h to 50km/h on the Gold Coast Highway, Burleigh Heads, to help reduce koala-vehicle collisions.
- The segment for the revised speed limit starts near the intersection with Goodwin Terrace and ends north of the Tallebudgera Creek Bridge, covering key koala-vehicle collision hot spots.
- New vehicle activated signs (VAS) will be installed to encourage compliance with the new speed limit and alert drivers of the presence of wildlife in the area.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is reducing the speed limit on the Gold Coast Highway, Burleigh Heads, to help reduce koala-vehicle collisions.

The current speed limit will be reduced from 60km/h to 50km/h, starting near the intersection with Goodwin Terrace, ending north of the Tallebudgera Creek Bridge.

This will cover the key koala-vehicle collision hot spot, which TMR has identified.

New vehicle activated signs (VAS) will be installed in September to coincide with the new speed limit as well as alert drivers of the presence of wildlife in the area.

These signs will feature an image of a smiling green koala for motorists adhering to the speed limit, while those exceeding the speed limit will be cautioned with red 'slow down' alerts.

This initiative follows a review triggered by community concerns about wildlife safety and is part of TMR's commitment to make roads safer for drivers and wildlife.

Quotes attributable to the TMR South Coast Regional Director, Andrew Wheeler:

"It remains a priority for the Department to implement treatments to mitigate koala-vehicle collision risk.

"We are committed to making our roads a safer place for all users, including our wildlife."

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