

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Safety works for Beerburrum Road

Work is starting soon to improve safety on Beerburrum Road by clearing roadside hazards along about two kilometres at Elimbah.

Transport and Main Roads North Coast Regional Director Scott Whitaker said the works planned for early August would involve clearing trees and vegetation.

"We will remove trees and vegetation alongside Beerburrum Road from north of Rose Creek to just north of Eaton Road," Mr Whitaker said.

"These works are an essential part of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) routine maintenance program to ensure Queensland's road network remains safe.

"As well as removing potential hazards for vehicles which run off the road, the clearing will improve the visibility of signs and increase the fire break within the corridor.

"I want to assure the community we have thoroughly assessed the works against environmental and cultural heritage guidelines.

"Work crews will include a qualified fauna spotter catcher to proactively check the work zone for animals and wildlife. Any animals found will be safely relocated."

Mr Whitaker said following a speed limit review, the speed was lowered from 100km/h to 80km/h in late 2019 as an interim measure.

"This vegetation clearing is one of the safety improvements we are implementing to allow the 100km/h speed limit to return later this year," he said.

Crews will work from 6am to 5pm with a safety exclusion zone around equipment and workers.

Single-lane closures, traffic controllers, reduced speed limits and signs will be in place during works to ensure roadworker and motorist safety.

"It is vital motorists observe all signs and directions from workers when approaching the roadworks and adapt their driving behaviour to the changed traffic conditions," he said.

"Thank you to motorists and the local community in advance for their patience and cooperation during these essential works."

The project is expected to be completed by mid-September, weather and site conditions permitting.

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