

# Binna Burra Road

## Project Update

July 2020

### Construction Update

Following extensive damage from the Southern Queensland Bushfires on Binna Burra Road in September 2019, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has been working to repair this severely damaged area.

The reconstruction works along Binna Burra Road have involved extensive repairs at multiple locations. Works commenced in October 2019 and have involved installing slope stabilisation above and below the road, including drape mesh and rock-fall protection above the road. Downslope work has involved installing large rock gabions (wire rock-filled cages) and anchoring these with long soil nails and rock anchors into the cliff face. These measures have required specialist personnel trained in rope access construction, specialist geotechnical equipment abseiled down the cliff face and advice from consulting experts.

Following ongoing wet weather earlier this year, the existing fire damage and associated instability of the area was highlighted at several sites. This included continued rocks and debris falling to the road, fire-impacted trees falling over and rocks requiring removal from behind temporary construction rock catch fences. To make the site safe, additional batter slope scaling activities, removal of fallen and unstable trees and further geotechnical assessments were required.

The reconstruction works recommenced in mid-March 2020 and while they have remained complex, they are in their final stages. Most of the works upslope and downslope of the existing roadway have now been completed with one main site (referred to as Site 9, located 200m past the Rangers Station heading up the mountain) requiring further upslope works. Additional road works along Binna Burra Road will be required at various locations, including laying new bitumen seal and asphalt, line marking, installing signage, speed safety measures and environmental control measures. Eligible reconstruction works are jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).



Above: Panoramic view of Binna Burra Road's main reconstruction site taken in May 2020.



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## Construction Update (continued)



Above: Following the fire in September 2019.



Above: Progress in June 2020.



Above: Abseilers looking down slope, June 2020.



Above: Drape mesh, rock-fall protection and guardrail installed, June 2020

## Binna Burra Road re-opening

TMR would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community for their patience during these important works. Binna Burra Road is expected to re-open to the public in late August 2020, under traffic control (weather and site conditions permitting). Following the re-opening of the road, road works at various locations along Binna Burra Road will be required. A temporary 'control point' will remain to manage traffic under stop/slow arrangements. These works are expected to continue until October 2020. Please follow the advice of traffic controllers and all project site signage.

## Additional local traffic information – Beechmont Road works

TMR will soon commence works on Beechmont Road near the 'Old School' site in Beechmont. Works will be undertaken from Monday to Friday between 6:30am and 5pm until October 2020. Stop/slow traffic control with short delays are expected. Works will include drainage and pavement improvements to Beechmont Road and pavement improvements to the Beechmont Road carpark located within the 'Old School' site. Weather, site conditions and contractor availability may impact the proposed work schedule.

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