

Bowen Road Bridge Repairs

Community Update

Bridge repair works over Ross River

December 2018



Works are underway to repair damaged piers (footings) on the Bowen Road Bridge, over Ross River.

Why are works underway?

Since construction in 1952, some of the concrete foundations under the Bowen Road Bridge have cracked and deteriorated. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is digging out the damaged footings and undertaking repairs to ensure traffic can continue to use this important link.

What's happening on site?

Repairs are currently underway on 11 of the 16 piers. To allow access to the damaged sections, sheets of steel (sheet piles) have been driven into the river bed to create a dry construction site. Once the repairs have been completed, the sheet piles will be removed and installed around the remaining sections of bridge to be repaired on the other side of the river.

Are trucks allowed over the bridge?

While these works are underway, the bridge cannot carry the same load as it usually does. To ensure the safety of all road users, as well as those working under the bridge, vehicles over 13 tonnes (approximately bigger than a bus) need to use alternative routes while these works are underway. Inspectors are on site to help ensure that heavy vehicles abide by the load restriction.

How will the site be managed during the wet season?

The site will be carefully monitored throughout the wet season, to preserve the work site and ensure that the project doesn't increase any flooding on nearby properties. If a significant rain event is predicted, TMR has procedures in place to reduce the impact of the works on river flow.

When will the project be completed?

The project is expected to be complete by May 2019, weather permitting.

The site will be shut down for Christmas closure from 22 December 2018 until 8 January 2019. The site will continue to be monitored throughout the Christmas closure and load limits will remain in place.

How can I learn more about the project?

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