

Bowen Road Bridge Repairs

Community Update

Bridge repair works over Ross River

March 2019

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

What has been the impact of the Townsville Floods on the project?

The Bowen Road bridge project was inundated by floodwaters, following the release of water from the Ross River Dam during the recent monsoon event. Some equipment was swept away by flood water, with most items later recovered and repaired. The site office near the Murray Sports Stadium was inundated with around 300mm of water and the demountable offices needed to be removed and replaced.

Scouring was the largest issue faced by the project site, with over 2,380 cubic meters of solid river bed material lost from the project site.

These flood impacts are likely to extend the duration of the project, with the expected completion for the project now late 2019.

What's happening on site?

Our work plan is focused on repairing damage to the site from scouring caused by flood waters, and continuing repairs to the bridge substructure on the town side. Once this has been completed, the project team will begin work on removing the sheet piling and relocating it to the opposite side of the river. Works will then start on repairing the remaining sections of the bridge.

Is there still a load limit in place?

The 13 tonne load limit remains in place. 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 (larger 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.

Is there still pedestrian access across the bridge?

Pedestrian and cyclist access is still available across the top of and underneath the Bowen Road bridge. There may be some traffic management around pedestrian access as the works progress and this will be signed accordingly.

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Water lapping the Bowen Road bridge
3 February 2019



The works site after flood waters receded

How can I learn more about the project?

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