

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Safety works will close highway

Safety works will be carried out on a section of the Cunningham Highway at Cunninghams Gap later this month following a landslide in March 2017.

TMR South Coast Region Regional Director Paul Noonan said the works would start from Monday (22 October).

“Single-lane closures will be required as well as daily intermittent road closures of all lanes near Gap Creek, weather permitting,” Mr Noonan said.

“The intermittent closures will take place from November 5 to 10 and happen daily from 9am to 11am and 1pm to 3pm.

“During the closures, traffic in both directions will be stopped to allow specialist contractors to scale the rock face to assess and remove any potentially loose material above the highway.

“Since the original landslide, geotechnical investigations have been carried out to determine how much material needs to be removed.”

Mr Noonan said geotechnical experts would work alongside rock climbers with specialist excavation equipment to remove any loose debris and ensure the site remained safe for road users.

“These works will have an impact on motorists so we’re asking the community to allow extra travel time before they set out,” Mr Noonan said.

“The community will be kept informed of the closures through variable message signs installed at key locations, such as both sides of the Gap (Warwick and Aratula), as well as on the Logan, Ipswich and Centenary Motorways.

“Advice will also be sent to the community through regular email updates and via the QLD Traffic website and Twitter.

“We thank the community in advance for its patience as we work to complete these important safety works.”

Most of the works will be completed in 2018. Work at one site will continue through to early 2019 due to the complex nature and specialised resources required.

Eligible reconstruction works will be jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Queensland governments under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

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