

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Millaa Millaa Malanda Road repairs

We apologise to those people whose vehicles have been damaged and travel plans disrupted by this extremely unusual event.

Repairs continue on Millaa Millaa Malanda Road as Transport and Main Roads plans for a permanent solution.

Transport and Main Roads District Director Sandra Burke said interim works had stabilised the site, while the removal of excess bitumen patches continued and the road swept.

“The Minister has asked the department to thoroughly investigate this matter, and we are working with the contractor to plan for a permanent solution,” Ms Burke said.

“The site will be closely monitored until permanent repairs are completed.

“All vehicle damage claims will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. We will ensure proven claims receive fair compensation.

“Motorists whose vehicles have been damaged can contact us on 4045 7144.

“We have sufficient staff available in our Cairns branch to manage any complaints.

The site remains under traffic control with a reduced speed limit.

“For the safety of all road users and roadworkers we urge motorists to drive to the conditions and adhere to the reduced speed limits,” Ms Burke said.

“We are also monitoring two other sites on Palmerston Highway and Kennedy Highway, near Upper Barron Road, which also experienced some stripping.

“Remedial works using specialised equipment are underway on a section of the Kennedy Highway, near Upper Barron Road, with the repairs expected to take up to five days, weather permitting.

“We are also monitoring isolated areas of stripping on the Palmerston Highway and additional aggregate will be laid as weather permits.

“We are also using a water truck on the Kennedy Highway and Palmerston Highway sites to reduce the road’s surface heat.”

Drivers can check for updates at www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40.

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