

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Important works continuing on Barron River Bridge

Engineering investigations and repairs are continuing on the Barron River Bridge at Kuranda with additional traffic management in place from 16 August.

Transport and Main Roads North Queensland Regional Director Sanjay Ram said the essential welding repairs would take four weeks.

"We need to weld without vibrations, so traffic will be stopped occasionally between 9am and 3pm over this four-week period," Mr Ram said.

"Because traffic vibration adversely impacts repair quality, stopping traffic intermittently in both directions for up to 15 minutes, if required.

"The bridge is safe and open to all vehicles up to 50.5 tonnes, with a single lane closure in place."

Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will continue to evaluate the welding repair process and make changes, where possible, to limit impacts to motorists, including potentially working at night.

For safety, single-lane traffic conditions must remain in place until at least October 2021, when it is expected the inspections and repairs will be completed, weather permitting.

Mr Ram said the repairs were critical to reopening the bridge to two lanes again.

"We would prefer we did not have to stop traffic over the bridge for short periods of time, but that is not an option based on the work we need to complete," he said.

"We thank the community and the motorists who drive through this areas for their patience as we continue these repairs.

"TMR is continuing a \$2.1 million planning study to identify a long-term solution to improve connectivity on the Kennedy Highway through the replacement or rehabilitation of the Barron River Bridge."

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