

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) testing on Kuranda Range

- Testing of the recently installed ITS technology on Kuranda Range Road started earlier this week.
- Motorists may notice the flashing variable speed limit signs during testing.
- The testing is carried out at night from 6 pm to 6 am and signs are in place to notify motorists that testing is in progress.

Testing of the recently installed ITS technology on Kuranda Range Road started on Sunday 20 August 2023.

This testing phase will ensure the ITS technology is working correctly and communicating with the Traffic Management Centre (TMC) so informed decisions can be made for safe and efficient operation of Kuranda Range Road.

To minimise impacts on road users, the ITS testing is carried out at night from 6 pm to 6 am, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Signs are in place notifying motorists of the testing.

Road users may notice the flashing variable speed limit signs as they drive through the testing area.

Motorists must follow all signs through the worksite.

The ITS stations are equipped with traffic monitoring cameras and traffic monitoring loops and the testing will ensure the devices work appropriately so if traffic slows down or stops, the ITS system will alert the TMC.

On completion of the project, the TMC will use the traffic monitoring cameras to view real-time information about road conditions on the range and can remotely adjust the speed via the variable speed signs in response to wet weather or incidents, to make driving safer.

This real-time data will allow the TMC to notify emergency services and maintenance crews straight away if an incident has occurred, reducing response and closure times.

The flashing red circle on the variable speed limit signs will alert drivers that the speed limit has been reduced.

The variable speed limits will be enforceable.

Once conditions on the road have improved and it is safe to do so, the speed limit will return to the normal speed limit.

For up-to-date information about works on the state-controlled road network call 13 19 40 or visit www.QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Acting Regional Director (North Queensland) Ross Hodgman:

"Kuranda Range Road is known to be susceptible to traffic incidents and landslips which can lead to temporary closures of this section of the Kennedy Highway.

"The installation of additional ITS treatments will allow rapid detection and management of incidents on this busy road.

"The variable speed limit will reduce the risk of rear-end and severe crashes.

"We thank motorists for their patience while we complete this important project."



Artist impression ITS station on Kuranda Range Road

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