

MEDIA STATEMENT

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GUARDRAIL MODIFICATIONS TO PROTECT WILDLIFE

Sections of rubrail, the lower section of guardrail, on Beaudesert-Nerang Road at Witheren and Clagiraba will be removed following community concerns about wildlife crossing.

Transport and Main Roads (TMR) South Coast Regional Director Paul Noonan said removing sections of the guardrail underrun would enable wildlife to cross the road and access Coomera River.

"We have worked extensively with engineering and road safety professionals to balance the need for guardrail to protect motorists and providing safe access for wildlife in the area," Mr Noonan said.

"A lot of analysis has been done to solve this problem, and I'm pleased to say we have a solution."

Mr Noonan said TMR had been analysing data from the Department of Environment and Science, City of Gold Coast and Scenic Rim Regional Council since September, and working to make the modifications.

"We've listened to the community and know we are coming up to koala breeding season starting so the works will start in late July, conditions permitting," he said.

"The local community has been advocating for this and I would like to thank everyone who provided feedback and local data to enable us to work together to resolve the issue."

Some roadworks will be needed to make the guardrail modifications. TMR will notify local residents and road users in advance.

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