## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

10 November 2021

## **CARNARVON BRIDGE CLOSED FOR TESTING**

Carnarvon Bridge (also known as Quart Pot Creek bridge) on Stanthorpe Connection Road will be temporarily closed as part of ongoing maintenance.

Transport and Main Roads Southern Queensland Regional Director Bill Lansbury said the bridge would be closed from 6am Tuesday 16 November to 6pm Wednesday 17 November 2021, weather permitting.

"Carnarvon Bridge was opened in 1922 and due to its age, we have been regularly inspecting the bridge to ensure it remains safe," Mr Lansbury said.

"In early 2020, we installed load testing equipment to assess the bridge's performance under various weight loads.

"Results from these assessments will inform future maintenance works and help the department determine the safe lifespan of the bridge.

"Unfortunately, the equipment was vandalised and needs to be replaced.

"This closure will allow us to safely install replacement load testing equipment.

"There will be additional bridge inspections following the installation, but if possible, these will be scheduled during quieter times to minimise impacts.

"We ask motorists to drive to the traffic conditions, obey all signs and instructions from traffic controllers and allow extra travel time.

"Thank you to the community for its patience and understanding during these important works."

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