## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES OVER ETON RANGE

Traffic on the jointly funded \$189.2 million Eton Range Realignment Project, west of Mackay, will be temporarily switched to the uphill lanes from next week (7 September), to allow for surfacing works.

Transport and Main Roads Director-General Neil Scales said the temporary traffic change was a significant step towards project completion on this critical part of the Peak Downs Highway.

"The Eton Range Realignment Project will deliver a four-lane crossing over the range to address safety and congestion," he said.

"There will soon be two lanes heading east towards Mackay and another set of lanes heading west to Nebo.

"The realignment includes reducing the gradient from 11.5 to 7.5 per cent, with large radius corners to help control speed and make it safer for all road users.

"We urge motorists to be aware of the changed traffic conditions, including the speed limit, as they pass through the roadworks and to always drive to the conditions."

For project updates, contact Transport and Main Roads Mackay on 4951 8555, <u>mackay.office@tmr.qld.gov.au</u> or go to <u>www.tmr.qld.gov.au/etonrange</u>.

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