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## Update on Barkly Highway

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The Barkly Highway remains closed to all traffic from the Tablelands Highway from the Tablelands Highway intersection in the Northern Territory across to the Queensland border.

The rock platform being built across the flood created breach is still 20 metres from the eastern side of the damaged highway. This is because the construction crew has been engaged in the time consuming task of filling the deepest section of the Ranken River encountered so far.

It is expected the separated sections of the highway will be rejoined tomorrow afternoon. Construction vehicles will then be able to move freely across the link, accelerating the dumping of additional fill.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure estimates the road will now be open to light traffic in approximately 4 to 7 days, dependent on weather. It is expected that the road will be open to heavy vehicles in 12 to 17 days.

Motorists are being urged to refer to the Department's Road Report website before travelling on the Barkly, and across all roads in the Territory, to receive updated road condition information on all Government-controlled roads, including graphical representations of restrictions on regional maps.

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