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## Update on Barkly Highway

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Dispatched at 4.42pm CST

Traffic moved slowly across the reconstructed Barkly Highway when it reopened to accommodate the east-west movement of light vehicles today.

The highway has been closed to traffic since 70 metres of the road was washed away on 5 January 2009.

Tennant Creek-based Manager of Road Projects Glen Jones said "motorists cooperated well with the traffic controllers at the works site".

Only vehicles under 4.5 tonnes, which includes those towing caravans and trailers, were allowed to cross.

West bound traffic was allowed one way access from 6am to 11.30am Northern Territory time. East bound traffic was given one way access from 12.30pm to 5pm Northern Territory time. The same regulations will apply tomorrow.

No travel is allowed outside these times.

To facilitate the movement of vehicles, traffic controllers will continue be stationed at the Barkly Homestead, Camooweal, and at the work site.

"Motorists are asked to exercise extreme care when travelling through the work site.

"It's expected the road will be open to heavy vehicles in 10 days or less. This will be subject to an assessment of the road next Tuesday," said Mr Jones.

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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