

Water over Victoria River Bridge

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The Victoria River Bridge - 200 km west of Katherine – is again closed to traffic. Water is 400mm over the deck of the bridge and rising.

Water levels dropped sufficiently last night to allow several trucks to cross the bridge. Crossings were suspended when it became clear the rising river would endanger motorists.

River levels will be monitored throughout the day. The motorist alert message boards in Kununurra and Katherine will be updated accordingly.

The Victoria River Highway is now impassable between the Victoria River Roadhouse and Timber Creek, and Duncan Rd and the WA border.

Due to the water saturation of the Victoria Highway, weight restrictions are still imposed on trucks travelling from the NT/WA border to Katherine. Motorists should exercise caution at submerged floodways and stream crossings.

Temporary repairs have been done on the Carpentaria Highway at October Creek - 170km east of the Stuart Highway. The reconstruction is not finished and motorists are urged to proceed with care when driving through the area.

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