

Water over Victoria River Bridge

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The Victoria Highway is closed at the Victoria River Bridge 200 km west of Katherine. The water level is now 1 metre over the bridge and rising.

Variable message boards have been set up in Kununurra and Katherine advising travellers the Victoria Highway is impassable at the bridge.

The bridge may be closed for two or three days. The gates on the approach to the bridge have been closed and locked.

The Department's road report website, and the variable message boards in Katherine and Kununurra, will be updated throughout the weekend as conditions change.

People driving to the bridge will be turned back.

Motorists should also be cautious on the Carpentaria Highway at October Creek, 170 km east of the Stuart Highway, where sections of the road were damaged by floodwaters yesterday.

Repair works will commence tomorrow.

Further information is available at www.roadreport.nt.gov.au and 1800 246 199.

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