

Water over Victoria River Bridge

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The Victoria Highway is still closed at the Victoria River Bridge 200 km west of Katherine. The water level is now 3m over the bridge and falling at the rate of 50mm an hour.

Variable message boards have been set up in Kununurra and Katherine advising travellers of the closure. The bridge may be shut for several more days. The gates on the approach to the bridge have been locked.

The Department's road report website, and the message boards, will be updated as conditions change. People driving to the bridge will be turned back.

Due to the water saturation of the Victoria Highway, weight restrictions have now been imposed on trucks travelling from the NT/WA border to Katherine.

Temporary repair work on the eroded section of the Carpentaria Highway at October Creek, 170 km east of the Stuart Highway, has been completed. Light vehicles and standard-sized trucks are continuing to pass.

After an assessment of the road today, it has been decided to delay the movement of oversized trucks until a further review is made on Thursday 29 January 2009.

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

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