

Media release

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Daly River crossing reopens

Port Keats and surrounding residents can breathe a sigh of relief now the Daly River Crossing is open.

As with each wet season, access through Port Keats Road was closed due to a combination of high water levels and tidal movements.

Department of Construction and Infrastructure regional manager Peter Toll said staff opened the crossing at about 3pm.

He urged motorists to use caution when crossing as water speed and depth would vary with tide changes.

“While the crossing is accessible on low tides, the Port Keats Road will remain restricted to high-clearance 4-wheel-drive vehicles with a load limit of 4.5 tonnes,” he said.

The road is impassable about 200km from the Daly River due to severe wash-outs and water over the road.

“Once the road dries out sufficiently, work crews will be on the job opening the road,” Mr Toll said.

Extensive safety measures have been undertaken including an inspection of Port Keats Road and the positioning of signs urging motorists to take care.

For up-to-date road condition information, or to report a fault, go to www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport

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