



Northern Territory Government

Department of Planning and Infrastructure

MEDIA RELEASE

Victoria Highway to open

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure will officially re-open the Victoria Highway for light vehicles on Wednesday morning from 7.30am.

The road was closed on 28 January between the Buntine Highway and West Australian border following heavy rain in the region.

Whilst the road will now be open to light vehicles with a GVM less than 4.5 tonne, there is considerable damage to sections of it. Signage will be erected to advise motorists of any potential hazards until repair work can be carried out.

Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Regional Manager, Trevor Troy said, "Our road projects staff will be inspecting all bridges between Katherine and the border to ensure no structural damage has occurred. At this stage it appears the rain has caused large amounts of bitumen to be washed away and mud and debris to be deposited on the road."

To avoid any further damage to the road, the re-opening will be staged, with heavier vehicles allowed to travel on it later in the week as conditions improve.

Motorists are urged to drive cautiously and adhere to all signage in place. Changes to road conditions are updated regularly and can be checked by calling our Road Report line: FREECALL 1800 246 199 or by visiting www.roadreport.nt.gov.au

Further advice will be issued, should the situation change.

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