

Media Release

Victoria Highway closed at Scorpion Creek Bridge

Due to damage to the Scorpion Creek Bridge, approximately 80 km west of Timber Creek, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has closed the bridge at this location.

The extent of the damage is currently being assessed by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure engineers and will not be reopened until the Department has confirmed the structural integrity of the bridge to ensure the safety of the road users.

In the meantime, the construction of a temporary detour through the dry creek bed is being put in place to allow the Victoria Highway to be reopened should repairs to the Bridge take some time. The detour will remain in place until the Bridge is able to be reopened to traffic.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Senior Director Road Network, Mr Ernie Wanka said that the Victoria Highway is the major link to the west from Katherine and at this time of the year there are a significant number of tourists using the Highway.

"The Department is working around the clock to ensure that measures are put into place to minimise traffic disruptions in the area. It is expected that the detour will be operational within 24 hours," he added.

Ends.

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