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Road Closures – Arnhem and Kakadu Highways

General

Currently, both the Arnhem and Kakadu Highways have road closures in place as follows:

- Arnhem Highway between Point Stuart Road and Kakadu Highway;
- Kakadu Highway between Gimbat Road and Kakadu National Park Headquarters.

Apart from these closures there are other restrictions in place due to flooding and water across the road. You are referred to the Department's road reporting website above for more detail of these restrictions.

Arnhem Highway – Culvert Subsidence at West Alligator West Branch River Crossing

This culvert is located on the Arnhem Highway at 150.6 km from the Stuart Highway and has subsided about 200 mm with visual damage to the road pavement and headwalls of the structure.

The culvert is a three celled 2.8 metre by 2.8 metre cast in situ reinforced concrete box culvert spanning 8.6 metres.

The cause and extent of damage is still being investigated by the Department Engineers and assessment is difficult due to the flood water flowing through the culvert.

Temporary repairs and further investigations are taking place today with a view to opening the road initially to light traffic (say 8 tonne Gross Vehicle Mass [GVM]) once the flood waters recede.

It should be noted that the road would be closed at this time anyway due to water over the road at the Wildman River, West Alligator and Flying Fox Creek and a number of smaller creeks.

The Department is doing everything in its power to minimise the road restrictions. However, as a result the problems at this culvert and associated repair work, restrictions on the Arnhem Highway will need to be imposed for a period of time yet to be determined.

Regular updates will be provided on the progress the Department with its investigations and remedial works to fix the culvert.

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