

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Millaa Millaa-Malanda Road repairs - update

Transport and Main Roads is continuing its review of the Millaa Millaa-Malanda Road bitumen issue.

Reports of the status of the bitumen seal, stone and design are now being analysed by the department to determine why the seal failed.

TMR District Director Sandra Burke said the review was essential to find out why the event occurred and to ensure it does not happen again.

“This review will take some time. We now need to carefully analyse the results and look at the project’s design, materials and construction methodology. This will give us information we can use to ensure this situation does not happen again,” Ms Burke said.

“The review should be completed mid-next month (August).

“Repairs have stabilised surfaces at Millaa Millaa-Malanda Road, Kennedy Highway and Palmerston Highway and permanent sealing works at all sites are on track to be finalised by mid-August, weather permitting.

“The Millaa Millaa-Malanda Rd site is now stable, with remedial repairs progressing and the specialist machinery working well. However the surface is still quite uneven.

“We are looking at options to provide the smoothest, most durable long-term solution and should have a decision soon, after some final technical checks.”

Ms Burke said repairs on the Kennedy Highway, near Upper Barron Road, finished on Monday 16 July and the specialist machinery had been moved to the Palmerston Highway.

“A second coat of seal is needed to stabilise the surface at Palmerston Highway near Henderson Drive. Due to wet weather on Wednesday July 18, correction works were paused. When the rains cease, we will then continue to apply the seal,” she said.

Ms Burke said TMR had now received 129 completed claims for compensation. Some of these were multiple claims by one claimant for damage including tar, tyre and windscreen damage.

“All vehicle damage claims continue to be assessed as quickly as possible on a case-by-case basis. We will ensure legitimate, proven claims receive fair compensation,” Ms Burke said.

“We again apologise to those people whose vehicles have been damaged by this extremely unusual event.

“Anyone who needs more information, or would like to lodge a claim for compensation should contact TMR on 4045 7144.”

Drivers can check for updates on the roadworks at www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au or calling 13 19 40.

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