

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Millaa Millaa-Malanda Road repairs - update

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

TMR District Director Sandra Burke said it was too early to know exactly why the unusual event occurred, but it was essential to find out why it occurred.

“Our review will look at the project’s design, materials and construction methodology and give us information we can use to ensure this situation does not happen again,” Ms Burke said.

“Crews are continuing to carry out repairs to Millaa Millaa-Malanda Road, Kennedy Highway and Palmerston Highway, with all affected roads now stabilised.

“Permanent sealing works at all sites should be finalised by mid-August, weather permitting.

“The Millaa Millaa-Malanda Rd site is stable, with remedial repairs progressing and the specialist machinery working well. However the surface is still quite uneven due to the events of the past week.

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

Ms Burke said repairs on the Kennedy Highway, near Upper Barron Road, should be finished today (Friday), weather permitting, with specialist machinery then moving to the Palmerston Highway for repair works.

“We continue to work with resealing contractor COLAS to seek a permanent solution to resealing all the affected areas,” she said.

Ms Burke said TMR had received 54 completed claims for compensation.

“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 and travel plans disrupted 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](http://www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au) or calling 13 19 40.

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