

MEDIA STATEMENT

30 September 2024

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The highway was temporarily closed to ensure the safety of road users and site workers while the area was made safe, damage assessments were undertaken and a sidetrack was built.

A two-kilometre, fully-sealed temporary sidetrack was quickly constructed to ensure a safe passage for all road users while work to reinstate the overpass was completed.

Quotes attributable to TMR Regional Director for Central Queensland David Grosse:

"The Queensland Government is pleased to announce the reopening of the Caval Ridge Haul Road overpass on the Peak Downs Highway, restoring access for motorists within five months of closure.

"The Peak Downs Highway was temporarily closed at this location to ensure the safety of road users and workers, while comprehensive damage assessments and repairs were carried out.

"The Department of Transport and Main Roads worked with the mine operator to quickly establish a sidetrack as an alternative and have now successfully reinstated the overpass.

"Reconnecting the community has always been our priority, and we are grateful for the community's support during these crucial works.

"We acknowledge the challenges the community faced during this period and thank everyone for their patience."

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