

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Access changes for Gateway Motorway flyover bridge

Heavy vehicle access changes will be in place from 1 September on the flyover bridge connecting the Gateway Motorway to the Bruce Highway northbound at Bald Hills.

Transport and Main Roads Regional Director for Metropolitan Region Mr Patrick Dennehy said access changes were precautionary but necessary following structural investigations.

“These restrictions will ensure the ongoing safety for all road users,” Mr Dennehy said.

“The structure is safe, and this is just a precautionary measure until strengthening works can be completed.”

Mr Dennehy said restrictions would be imposed requiring most heavy vehicles to travel in the left-hand lane only.

“Some very heavy vehicles will be required to travel in the centre of the bridge under guidance,” he said.

“We ask other motorists to have patience and give these vehicles the space they need.

“The department will engage with heavy vehicle operators to facilitate the movement of these very heavy loads where possible.”

Signage, including variable speed and variable message signs, will be installed to ensure safety and provide advice to operators and the travelling public regarding these changes.

Mr Dennehy said design works were already underway for the strengthening works.

More than 40,000 vehicles travel northbound along the Gateway Motorway and over this bridge each weekday, and the majority of these vehicles won't be impacted.

The recently opened Gateway Upgrade North project has provided relief for motorists and the recently announced Australian and Queensland Governments' joint commitment of \$1 billion for the upgrade between Bracken Ridge and Bruce Highway will allow this critical road upgrade work to continue.

“We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank the community and industry for their patience while further works are undertaken,” he said.

For further information about the restrictions, visit [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/gatewaymotorwayflyover](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/gatewaymotorwayflyover).

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