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New videos highlight heavy vehicle safety at Cunninghams Gap

- Two new safety videos have been released to guide heavy vehicle and oversize overmass (OSOM) drivers through the Cunninghams Gap work site on the Cunningham Highway, focusing on navigating steep descents and using holding bays.
- A reduced speed limit of 40km/h remains in place through the project site to protect both road users and work crews.
- The safety videos can be viewed on the [TMR and QTA YouTube Channels](#).

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the Queensland Trucking Association (QTA) have released two new safety videos to assist heavy vehicle and oversize overmass (OSOM) drivers navigate the work site at Cunninghams Gap on the Cunningham Highway.

These videos focus on critical safety advice for drivers, including how to manage steep descents and use nearby OSOM holding bays, while bushfire recovery works continue in the area.

Building on a series of safety videos created with the QTA in 2023, these new resources aim to ensure the safety of heavy vehicle drivers and all road users passing through Cunninghams Gap.

TMR continues to support heavy vehicle and OSOM movements through the work zone, with key guidance outlined in the videos. Drivers are encouraged to check the Conditions of Operations Database before their journey and follow the procedures for holding bays and guided vehicle movements once on site.

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These recovery works are being jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Quotes attributable to Transport and Main Roads Regional Director, South Coast, Andrew Wheeler:

“As this project is located on a key national freight route linking urban south east Queensland to freight and agriculture hubs south-west, and interstate, TMR always provides advance notice to operators so they can plan their journeys.

“The safety of all road users through the work site is paramount. TMR continues to work with QTA to develop and share safety messaging with heavy vehicle operators, which will ultimately ensure all road users can move through the site safely.

“This suite of videos is key to ensuring heavy vehicle drivers are aware of the safety measures needed to keep themselves and all road users safe.”



Quotes attributable to the Queensland Trucking Association (QTA) Chief Executive Officer, Gary Mahon:

“TMR has earned recognition for their responsive and actionable approach to industry feedback. This commitment to collaboration has made a significant impact, particularly with the involvement in the Cunninghams Gap Reconstruction Project. The Queensland Trucking Association (QTA) and its affiliates highly regard TMR’s efforts to engage with stakeholders and ensure the project meets the needs of heavy freight transport.

“The safety of heavy vehicle drivers is a top priority in the reconstruction of Cunninghams Gap, with careful attention given to navigating this complex site. The creation of a special holding bay for Oversized Overmass loads is a critical development, providing drivers with a secure area to move loads off the roadway while travelling up the Gap.”

The QTA praises TMR for their ongoing engagement level on this project, contributing to the development of Cunninghams Gap as a reliable and truck-friendly route that accommodates vital national freight movements 24/7.

For more information, please contact TMR on (07) 5563 6600 or email southcoast@tmr.qld.gov.au

Outside of work hours, road users can phone 13 19 40 (24/7) to report a road incident, hazard, pothole, or signal fault.

Explainer/fast fact and or further information (when required/relevant):

Further information:

View the safety videos on the [TMR and QTA YouTube Channels](#).

Subscribe to receive project updates or traffic alerts (via email or SMS) by:

- emailing cunninghamsgap@mcilwain.com or
- calling 1800 497 100* (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm).
*Free call from anywhere in Australia. Call charges apply for mobile phones and payphones. Check with your service provider for call costs.

Oversize loads must email traffic.cunninghamsgap@mcilwain.com to notify the project team, three days prior to travel scheduled through the work site at Cunninghams Gap.

- Operators can contact the project team on channel UHF40.
- Please apply through the [NHVR Portal](#) for permits to access this route.

On the Warrego Highway travelling over the Bremer River Bridge at Karalee:

- Operators are advised to check the [Automated Operating Procedure](#) when travelling on the Warrego Highway over the Bremer River Bridge. Between 11pm and 4am the crossover procedure will be in place.
- Dinmore Pads remains as an interception site outside of crossover operating hours. We urge operators to keep the Dinmore Pads clear of any loads and travel to the nearest rest area. For more information about rest areas across Queensland please visit the [Queensland Government Rest Areas webpage](#).

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