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Update on Barkly Highway

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The Barkly Highway remains closed to all traffic from the Tablelands Highway from the Tablelands Highway intersection in the Northern Territory across to the Queensland border.

The water level of the Ranken River has dropped to about half a metre, slowing the flow through the flood breached section of road. It is expected the foundation of the new road will be finished in two days. Once completed, filling on the foundation will accelerate.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure estimates that the road will be open to light traffic in approximately 7 – 10 days dependent on weather. It is expected that the road will be open to heavy vehicles in 15 – 20 days.

Based on current information available, the department estimates that the repair bill will be around the \$2 million mark.

Motorists are being urged to refer to the Road Report website before travelling on the Barkly, and across all roads in the Territory, to receive up to date road condition information on all Government controlled roads including graphical representations of restrictions on regional maps.

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