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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.

Work is continuing on the reconstruction of the section of the Barkly Highway recently damaged by flooding to allow light vehicles to pass through the works as soon as possible. The water level of the Ranken River remains steady.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure estimates the road will now be open to light traffic in about 3 days, dependent on weather. Light vehicles are those weighing less than 4.5 tonnes, including an attachment such as a trailer or caravan.

It is expected the road will be open to heavy vehicles in 8 to 13 days.

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

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