

Water over Victoria River Bridge

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1800 246 199

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The Victoria Highway is still closed at the Victoria River Bridge 200 km west of Katherine. The water level is now 3m over the bridge and falling at the rate of 40mm an hour.

Variable message boards have been set up in Kununurra and Katherine advising travellers of the closure. The bridge may be shut for several days. The gates on the approach to the bridge have been locked.

The Department's road report website, and the message boards, will be updated as conditions change. People driving to the bridge will be turned back.

Due to the water saturation of the Victoria Highway, weight restrictions have been imposed on trucks travelling from the NT/WA border to Timber Creek.

Temporary repair work on the eroded section of the Carpentaria Highway at October Creek, 170 km east of the Stuart Highway, has been completed. Light vehicles and standard-sized trucks are continuing to pass.

Oversized trucks are being halted in the vicinity until repairs have been assessed tomorrow.

Further information is available at www.roadreport.nt.gov.au and 1800 246 199.

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