



Burdekin Shire Council

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Your ref
Enquiries Gina Turner

Department of
Transport and Main Roads

31 March 2023

Cr Lyn McLaughlin
Mayor
Burdekin Shire Council
145 Young Street
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Dear Cr McLaughlin

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has introduced new measures for oversize heavy vehicles to safely cross the Burdekin River Bridge (BRB), Home Hill both northbound and southbound.

Oversize heavy vehicles over 3m wide or 4.6m high (northbound) or 4.5m high (southbound) are now required to call the TMR Traffic Management Centre (TMC) on 13 19 40 before crossing the bridge.

As of Friday 31 March 2023, TMC will centrally control the bridge crossing traffic signals to allow oversize heavy vehicles to safely cross the BRB.

The new procedure will ensure the safe crossing of the oversize heavy vehicle, minimise inconvenience to other motorists while the bridge is closed and ensure no damage is caused to the heritage infrastructure.

This change has occurred because TMR will now be the sole agency responsible for controlling the traffic signals on the BRB.

The oversize heavy vehicle operator will still be responsible for organising and paying for an escort service.

Three new road signs were installed on Thursday 30 March 2023, at the northern and southern approach of the bridge respectively to replace the current oversize vehicles notices, as part of the escort program.

The first road sign has remained unchanged and still reflects the times oversize vehicles are prohibited from crossing the Burdekin River Bridge.

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The second road sign now instructs oversize heavy vehicle operators to contact TMR on 13 19 40 to arrange for traffic signal activation.

The third road sign has been updated to reflect the oversize vehicle height and width.

I trust this update about the minor works in the Burdekin Shire region will be of assistance to you and your office.

Please refer to the enclosed flyer which will be distributed to all relevant stakeholders via email to notify of the changes.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in greater detail, please contact TMR's Project Planning and Corridor Management Manager Ms Gina Turner.

Ms Turner's details can be found at the bottom of the first page and is available to contact during business hours Monday - Friday.

I will continue to update council on further details and other project matters of interest for the Burdekin River Bridge, rehabilitation program through continuous correspondence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Mallows', with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

Stephen Mallows
District Director (Northern)

Bruce Highway - Burdekin River Bridge, Home Hill

Notice to heavy vehicle operators

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to advise that operators of heavy vehicles over 3m wide or 4.6m high (northbound) or 4.5m high (southbound) are now required to contact the TMR Traffic Management Centre (TMC) on 13 19 40 before crossing the Burdekin River Bridge (BRB), Home Hill. This change has occurred because TMR will now be the sole agency responsible for controlling the traffic signals on the BRB.

Am I impacted?

The traffic signals located on the approaches to the BRB will now be centrally operated by the TMC to maintain road safety when larger loads and vehicles cross the bridge.

Operating the signals will maintain the safe and efficient flow of traffic, minimise inconvenience to other motorists and ensure that no damage is caused to other road users and the overhead bridge structure.

How can I prepare?

1. Both the operator and driver have the responsibility to check TMR's Conditions of Operation database before any trip.
2. Have the accreditation licence number of the vehicle escort operator assisting with the transport of the oversize load across the BRB.

Note: BRB has a condition currently in place for oversize vehicles over 3m wide or 4.6m high (northbound) or 4.5m high (southbound).

At the very minimum, oversize vehicles must be accompanied by an accredited escort vehicle operator when crossing the BRB.

I'm ready to cross

When you are ready to cross the BRB, the oversize heavy vehicle operator or escort vehicle operator must contact the TMC on 13 19 40.

TMC will activate the traffic signals and the oversize heavy vehicle can cross the BRB.

Note: Oversize heavy vehicles will still be prohibited from crossing the BRB from 7.30am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

When is it happening?

The changes will take place from Friday, 31 March 2023.

New signs will be installed in the pull over areas on both northbound and southbound sides of the BRB to remind oversize heavy vehicles operators of the escort procedure.

Who engages the escort vehicle operator?

All arrangements and payments for the transport of an oversize load over the BRB are to be made directly with the company providing the service.

New signage

**PRIOR TO CROSSING
ESCORTED VEHICLES
MUST CALL
13 19 40
TO ARRANGE FOR
TRAFFIC SIGNAL ACTIVATION**

BURDEKIN RIVER BRIDGE OVERSIZE VEHICLE INFORMATION

OPERATORS OF VEHICLES OVER 3m WIDE AND 4.6m HIGH (NORTHBOUND) OR 4.5m HIGH (SOUTHBOUND) ARE REQUIRED TO CONTACT AN APPROVED ESCORT OPERATOR AND ARRANGE AN ESCORT OVER THE BRIDGE

ALL ARRANGEMENTS AND NECESSARY PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE ESCORT COMPANY AND ARE NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS

OVERSIZE VEHICLES PROHIBITED FROM CROSSING THE BURDEKIN RIVER BRIDGE

7³⁰ AM – 9^{AM}

3^{PM} – 4³⁰ PM

MON – FRI

Further information about heavy vehicle regulations across the state-controlled road network can be found on the TMR webpage at <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles>.

Please remember to...

Check your routes before you start your journey. It is your responsibility to make sure you're using up-to-date information when you assess the suitability and conditions of your route. You must check your NHVR permit condition, the TMR Conditions of Operation Database, and **QLD Traffic** before and you start your journey.

Stay informed:

For more information, contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Customer and Stakeholder Management team in Townsville:

Phone: 1800 625 648

Email: engagement.northern@tmr.qld.gov.au

Website: www.tmr.qld.gov.au

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Local Government
Remuneration Commission

Our ref: OUT23/1146

30 March 2023

Councillor Lyn McLaughlin
Mayor
Burdekin Shire Council

Dear Councillor McLaughlin

Re: Local Government Remuneration Commission council category review

The Local Government Remuneration Commission (the Commission) is required under the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to establish remuneration categories for local governments and undertake a review of the established categories once during each local government term ('a category review').

The completion of a category review is in addition to the Commission's annual requirement to determine maximum remuneration amounts for mayors and councillors. For the current term of local government, the Commission's category review is required to be completed by 1 December 2023.

The review process, which is now underway, will include consultation with councils and other stakeholders during the first half of 2023 and the Commission anticipates having review outcomes finalised by October 2023.

The last change to the remuneration categories was in 2015. Since this time, the environment in which many councils operate has changed significantly, as have the requirements of mayors and councillors.

Through the 2023 review the Commission intends to ensure the methodology for determining local government remuneration categories is simple, equitable and transparent and reflects the circumstances impacting the roles of mayors and councillors across Queensland.

Given the importance of this review for the future and the workload involved to complete it in the time allocated, it would be opportune to have this matter placed before the council as soon as possible so it can be prepared for the consultation process when it starts.

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Information on the review will be progressively updated on the Commission's website [here](#). If you have any further queries in this regard, please contact the Commission Secretariat at LGRCEnquiries@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Bob Abbot OAM

Chair

Queensland Local Government Remuneration Commission

CC: Mr Terry Brennan
Chief Executive Officer
Burdekin Shire Council



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Councillor Lynette McLaughlin
Mayor
Burdekin Shire Council

Dear Councillor McLaughlin

Thank you for your participation in the 2023 Australia Day Ambassador Program (the Program).

The Program sends influential Queenslanders across the State to inspire local communities, celebrate our country, reflect on what it means to be Australian, and respect the stories and history of our land and people.

This Australia Day, 45 Ambassadors were hosted at a multitude of events across 30 council areas in Queensland to share their stories and words of inspiration. Your generous hospitality in hosting Ms Selina Tomasich was appreciated, and I am sure your community and Ms Tomasich enjoyed the celebrations.

I thank the Burdekin Shire Council (the Council) for the support and willingness to incorporate our valued Day Ambassadors into your schedule of events. This Program would not be successful without the commitment of local councils across the State, and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Ms Melissah Lammon from your Council in facilitating Councils' involvement in the Program.

Should you have any questions or feedback about the Program or would like to recommend a Queensland Australia Day Ambassador for future years, please contact Ms Melinda Hill, Project Coordinator, Engagement, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, by email at [REDACTED] or on [REDACTED].

Again, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to your involvement in future years.

Yours sincerely



**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
MINISTER FOR THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES**

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To: "RES - Mailbox - Email Registration" <EmailRegistration@burdekin.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Help shape the future of the Burdekin Basin



Department of Regional Development,
Manufacturing and Water

Burdekin Basin water plan review - preliminary public consultation

The process to review and replace the Water Plan (Burdekin Basin) 2007 (the water plan) is underway and you're invited to have your say during our [preliminary public consultation](#).

HAVE YOUR SAY

With the current plan due to expire in September 2023, the plan must be reviewed and updated to ensure the region's long-term water needs can be best met and managed into the future.

An overview of issues that will be considered is provided in the preliminary public consultation notice. A statement of proposals has also been prepared which provides further details on the water plan review and proposed changes.

Community and stakeholder feedback is being sought on issues raised in the notice, statement of proposals, and any other water management issues you believe require consideration in developing the draft replacement water plan.

Anyone with an interest in water management in the Burdekin Basin, Black River underground water area, Crystal Creek or Ross River catchments is encouraged to make a submission by close of business on **Friday 5 May 2023**.

The notice, statement of proposals and submission form are all available on the [department's website](#). You can also provide a submission online at [Get Involved](#).

Your feedback, along with consultation with key stakeholders including water users, water supply scheme operators, environmental groups and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, will inform the development of the draft replacement plan. This draft plan will be available for further public consultation in 2024.

If you have any questions, please email WPBurdekin@rdmw.qld.gov.au or phone 1800 822 100.

Yours sincerely

John Ritchie
Director – Water Planning and Science
North Region



Find out more

www.rdmw.qld.gov.au/water/consultations-initiatives/burdekin-basin-water-plan



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