

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Rain causes temporary heavy vehicle restrictions on Kin Kin Road

Severe wet weather in southeast Queensland has resulted in road closures and a temporary heavy vehicle load limit will soon be placed on Kin Kin Road in the Noosa Hinterland.

North Coast Regional Director Scott Whitaker said unprecedented rainfall around the Kin Kin and Pomona areas has caused flooding and damage to Kin Kin Road.

"We are making arrangements to implement section 46 of the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* (TIA) to temporarily apply a 10 tonne mass limit on a section of Kin Kin Road once the road re-opens," Mr Whitaker said.

"This is a short-term measure only, to preserve the road from further damage while the pavement remains soaked and is susceptible to damage under heavy loads, and to carry out repairs.

"We don't take this decision lightly, as placing temporary restrictions under the TIA can have a negative impact on businesses and services that rely on heavy vehicles."

Mr Whitaker said an exemption would be provided for school buses and TMR will investigate options for community services such as refuse trucks.

"Signage will be in place to advise heavy vehicle operators of the load limit," he said.

"It's anticipated the temporary restriction to general access vehicles over 10 tonnes will apply from just north of Louis Bazzo Drive to the gravel section of Gympie–Kin Kin Road at Como, north of Kin Kin.

"Kin Kin Road remains closed at various locations due to flooding.

"Once water subsides, the road and bridges will be assessed to make sure they are safe to be re-opened and the temporary heavy vehicle restrictions will apply."

Mr Whitaker thanked the community for its patience and urged motorists to stay safe.

"If it's flooded, forget it," he said.

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