

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **Anabranch Bridge to close for repairs**

The Anabranch Bridge on Fulton Road, Macknade, will be closed to undertake repairs from 8 November to mid December 2021.

Transport and Main Roads North Queensland Regional Director Sanjay Ram said a detour would be in place via Halifax Road – Eddleston Drive – Musgrave Street – Scott Street – Lucinda Road during the closure.

"The bridge, which was built in 1964, is classed as a scour-prone bridge," Mr Ram said.

"This means the riverbed is subject to scouring during high flows and can reduce the depth of ground surrounding the bridge piles.

"The region experienced significant rainfall during the 2020/21 wet season which saw scour depths reduce further around some of the piers.

"The repairs will improve scour depth and prevent further scouring around the bridge's foundations.

"A structural assessment was completed in March, and it was recommended the speed limit be reduced from 100km/h to 80km/h until the foundations could be rehabilitated."

Mr Ram said geotechnical testing was carried out during the dry season before finalising the rehabilitation design.

"Crews will now undertake more permanent repairs to the scour levels by using cement-stabilised sand, geotextile materials and increased rock protection to prevent scouring and protect the piles," he said.

"To ensure safety and efficiency, the bridge will be closed to all traffic during the works.

"The department recognises road closures can be an inconvenience for road users and appreciates motorists' patience while crews undertake these essential works before the coming wet season."

Electronic messaging (VMS) boards will be in place at various locations advising motorists of up-to-date closure information.

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