

*****INFORMATION BULLETIN 9 AS AT 29 March 2019
@1000HRS*****

Flood Recovery Road Access Group North West Queensland

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to thank residents and businesses for their patience as we continue to inspect and repair damaged roads and bridges following record rainfall across North Queensland.

TMR would like to now advise that the Flood Recovery Road Access Group (FRRAG) has now been stood down resulting in TMR no longer issuing emergency access permits. Freight consignors and heavy vehicle transport operators are advised to follow the existing access arrangements for all permit requests.

Whilst the road network continues to normalise operators are still encouraged to check updates on the current road conditions. Updates can be found at www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au or by calling 13 19 40 or using the QLDTraffic app on your smartphone.

Your safety is the department's number one priority – stay calm, stay safe, and drive to the conditions.

*****INFORMATION BULLETIN 8 AS AT 19 February 2019
@1130HRS*****

Heavy vehicle access in Queensland during emergency conditions

TMR wishes to advise that the restrictions imposed on all excess mass and dimension movements within the Northern District and Townsville City Council has been lifted and Operators may now move as per normal in these areas.

North Western District still have an active condition listed in the conditions database which restricts Oversize and Overmass vehicles operating throughout the district. This restriction applies to all vehicles that exceed regulation mass and/or dimension, including those operating under guidelines, notices and permits and also Operators of Class 1 and Class 3 Oversize and Overmass vehicles operating throughout the North Western District.

Flood waters have receded and TMR is currently undertaking inspections to assess for damage with the aim of prioritising its program of works.

Operators are reminded that TMR's Compliance Officers are actively monitoring the operation of heavy vehicles within the flood affected regions and will be undertaking compliance and enforcement activities as required.

The Flood Recovery Road Access Group continues to assist with emergency access for freight consignors and heavy vehicle transport operators. The FRRAG hotline number is 1300 105 647 or alternatively you can email floodrecovery_roadaccess@tmr.qld.gov.au Current road conditions can be found in the Conditions of Operation Database at <https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/ExcessMassExternal/PublicConditionReport.jsp> and the QLD Traffic website at <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/>

*****INFORMATION BULLETIN 7 AS AT 18
February 2019 @1500HRS*****

Heavy vehicle access in Queensland during emergency conditions

TMR wishes to advise the restriction on the following excess mass and dimension movements throughout Northern District (Townsville) have now been lifted:

- All vehicles that exceed regulation mass and/or dimension, including those operating under guidelines, notices and permits.
- Operators of Class 1 and Class 3 Oversize and Overmass vehicles operating throughout the Northern District.

Operators of Oversize and Overmass, Dangerous Goods and Agricultural Vehicles are recommended to continue to monitor changes in road conditions of affected areas as the flooding recedes and recovery work continues.

TMR and QPS recommend that operations of these vehicles should be limited as much as possible during this time.

Current road conditions can be found in the Conditions of Operation Database at <https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/ExcessMassExternal/PublicConditionReport.jsp> and the QLD Traffic website at <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/>

The Flood Recovery Road Access Group continues to assist with emergency access for freight consignors and heavy vehicle transport operators. The FRRAG hotline number is 1300 105 647 or alternatively you can email floodrecovery_roadaccess@tmr.qld.gov.au

*****INFORMATION BULLETIN 6 AS AT 14 February 2019 @1300HRS*****

Heavy vehicle access in Queensland during emergency conditions

Operators are reminded that the operation of Oversize and Overmass vehicles throughout the Northern District (Townsville Region) until Monday 18 February 2019, are only authorised under a Flood Recovery Permit and for the following purposes:

- the vehicle is being used, or is intended to be used, in an emergency, including, for example, a fire, explosion or natural disaster; or
- to protect life or property; or
- to restore communication or the supply of energy or water or services, including, for example, sewage disposal; and
- granting the exemption will not create an unreasonable danger to other road users.

This restriction will be reviewed on Monday 18 February 2019.

Operators are reminded that TMR's Compliance Officers are actively monitoring the operation of heavy vehicles within the flood affected regions and will be undertaking compliance and enforcement activities as required.

Operators of Oversize and Overmass, Dangerous Goods and Agricultural Vehicles are recommended to continue to monitor changes in road conditions of affected areas as the flooding recedes and recovery work continues.

The Flood Recovery Road Access Group continues to assist with emergency access for freight consignors and heavy vehicle transport operators. The FRRAG hotline number is 1300 105 647 or alternatively you can email floodrecovery_roadaccess@tmr.qld.gov.au

Current road conditions can be found in the Conditions of Operation Database at <https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/ExcessMassExternal/PublicConditionReport.jsp> and the QLD Traffic website at <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/>

*****INFORMATION BULLETIN 5 AS AT 13 February 2019
@1500HRS*****

Heavy vehicle access in Queensland during emergency conditions

TMR wishes to advise that a ban on all excess mass and dimension movements is in place due to the prolonged wet weather resulting from the recent monsoonal event. This restriction applies to operators of Class 1 and Class 3 Oversize and Overmass vehicles operating throughout the Northern District.

This restriction will be reviewed on Monday 18th February 2019.

Operators of Oversize and Overmass, Dangerous Goods and Agricultural Vehicles are recommended to continue to monitor changes in road conditions of affected areas as the flooding recedes and recovery work continues.

Current road conditions can be found in the Conditions of Operation Database at <https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/ExcessMassExternal/PublicConditionReport.jsp> and the QLD Traffic website at <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/>

The Flood Recovery Road Access Group continues to assist with emergency access for freight consignors and heavy vehicle transport operators. The FRRAG hotline number is 1300 105 647 or alternatively you can email floodrecovery_roadaccess@tmr.qld.gov.au

*****INFORMATION BULLETIN 4 AS AT 13 February 2019
@0900HRS*****

Heavy vehicle access in Queensland during emergency conditions

Operators of Oversize and Overmass, Dangerous Goods and Agricultural Vehicles are recommended to continue to monitor changes in road conditions of affected areas as the flooding recedes and recovery work continues.

TMR and QPS recommend that operations of these vehicles should be limited as much as possible during this time.

Current road conditions can be found in the Conditions of Operation Database at <https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/ExcessMassExternal/PublicConditionReport.jsp> and the QLD Traffic website at <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/>

The Flood Recovery Road Access Group continues to assist with emergency access for freight consignors and heavy vehicle transport operators. The FRRAG hotline number is 1300 105 647 or alternatively you can email floodrecovery_roadaccess@tmr.qld.gov.au

*****INFORMATION BULLETIN 3 AS AT 11 February 2019
@1030HRS*****

Heavy vehicle access in Queensland during emergency conditions

TMR and QPS continued advice to operators of Oversize and Overmass, Dangerous Goods and Agricultural Vehicles is to monitor changing road conditions in affected areas as flooding recedes and recovery work continues.

Current road conditions can be found in the Conditions of Operation Database at <https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/ExcessMassExternal/PublicConditionReport.jsp> and the QLD Traffic website at <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/>

TMR and QPS recommend that operations of these vehicles should be limited as much as possible during this time.

The Flood Recovery Road Access Group continues to assist with emergency access for freight consignors and heavy vehicle transport operators. The FRRAG hotline number is 1300 105 647 or alternatively you can email floodrecovery_roadaccess@tmr.qld.gov.au

*****INFORMATION BULLETIN 2 AS AT 08 February 2019 @
0900HRS*****

Heavy vehicle access in Queensland during emergency conditions

On Friday 1 February 2019, the Flood Recovery Road Access Group (FRRAG) is activated to manage emergency and disaster recovery heavy vehicle access due to severe flooding in Townsville and surrounding areas.

A dedicated hotline and email address has been operating since Friday 1 February to provide help, information and emergency access to freight consignors and heavy vehicle transport operators travelling in the affected areas. FRRAG has responded to approximately 31 enquiries and issued 8 emergency permits.

On Monday night the State Disaster Coordination Centre (SDCC) requested emergency permits be issued for a road train convoy to deliver food stocks to disaster affected areas of Townsville and Cairns.

The SDCC became involved as there was an urgent need to deliver food stocks to alleviate personal hardship in the disaster affected areas resulting in the road train convoy travelling on Wednesday morning.

On Wednesday morning a type 1 road train convoy travelled along the Bruce Highway from Mackay to Townsville and then onto Cairns under Queensland Police Service (QPS)escort.

TMR has recently been advised that this urgent circumstance no longer exists and therefore conventional heavy vehicle access arrangements will now apply along the Bruce Highway.

The FRRAG hotline number is 1300 105 647 or alternatively you can email floodrecovery_roadaccess@tmr.qld.gov.au.

The emergency permit process will only apply to the affected areas of Queensland and in non-affected regions the [current access permit arrangements](#) remain in place.

TMR and QPS would like to advise that operators need to continue to monitor changing road conditions in the Conditions of Operation Database at:

<https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/ExcessMassExternal/PublicConditionReport.jsp>

and the QLD Traffic website at <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/>

INFORMATION BULLETIN 1 AS @ 01 February 2019

Heavy vehicle access in Queensland during emergency conditions

Currently there is a monsoon trough extending from the Gulf Country across the base of Cape York Peninsula to the east tropical coast near Cardwell. The monsoon trough is moving slowly northwards during the weekend and into Monday, though some uncertainty exists with its movement.

Very heavy falls are possible near and south of the monsoon trough between about Cairns and Bowen well into next week, with a significant risk of dangerous flash flooding and continued major river flooding.

A Flood Recovery Road Access Group (FRRAG) has been established by Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to manage emergency and disaster heavy vehicle access under the provision of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL).

A dedicated hotline and email address is operating from today to provide help, information and emergency access to freight consignors and heavy vehicle transport operators travelling in the affected areas. The FRRAG hotline number is 1300 105 647 or alternatively you can email floodrecovery_roadaccess@tmr.qld.gov.au

The hotline will enable operators to access specific information on alternative routes they can use. They can apply for heavy vehicle emergency permits that cannot be provided through normal processes in affected areas, or when special access is required in cases of emergency or great need.

The emergency permit process will only apply in affected areas of Queensland, in non-affected regions the [current access permit arrangements](#) remain in place.

TMR and QPS advise operators to monitor changing road conditions in the Conditions of Operation Database at <https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/ExcessMassExternal/PublicConditionReport.jsp>

and the QLD Traffic website at <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/>

Please note: The Heavy Vehicle National Law defines an emergency as an event, or an anticipated event, that—

- (a) endangers, or may endanger, life, property or the environment; or
- (b) has disrupted, or may disrupt, communications, energy supply, water supply or sewerage services; or
- (c) is declared to be an emergency or disaster by—
 - (i) the Commonwealth or a State or Territory; or
 - (ii) a Commonwealth or State or Territory authority responsible for managing responses to emergencies or disasters.

