

Barkly Roads Update

Dear Stakeholder

Due to significant flooding this year the Barkly region has extensive damage to the road network. Whilst the wet weather has stopped, some ground and pavement sections remain damaged.

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics continues to undertake temporary repairs, while preparations are underway for permanent repairs to restore road conditions.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions, comply with all traffic management and adhere to reduced speed limits.

Please note the below updates regarding road conditions and restrictions:

Barkly Highway

Overmass and Oversize permit restrictions remain in place.

***NEW* BARKLY HIGHWAY - effective 10 May 2024**

Vehicles operating under an Oversize/Overmass permit are permitted to travel under the restriction without a special consent provided that:

- **The vehicle does not exceed the axle mass limits for load carrying combinations period/general permits, up to a maximum of 35 tonnes mass on trailer/platform axle group (refer to figure 1).**

AND

- **The width of vehicle and load does not exceed 3.5 metres.**

Please note:

- Special consent applications for vehicles that do not fit the above conditions will not be considered or approved.
- The Overmass and Oversize permit restrictions will lift **3 June 2024**.
- Repairs to pavement and shoulders will continue and several sections between the Stuart Highway and Barkly Homestead are reduced to single lane.
- Heavy vehicle operators are advised to give way to oncoming traffic and maintain radio communications, where possible.

Stuart Highway

No current vehicle restrictions in place, however flood damage has occurred at several locations.

Tablelands Highway

- 13 axle restriction remains in place
- No overmass and oversize permits.

Unsealed roads across the Barkly region have also sustained significant flood damage. Drivers are encouraged to take caution on these roads and check for road conditions and any restrictions prior to travel.

www.roadreport.nt.gov.au continues to be the most up-to-date source for road closures and access.

Contact

For more information, contact the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics at roadreporting.ntg@nt.gov.au

Figure 1:

Table 7: Axle Group Mass Limits for Period/General Permits – Load Carrying Combinations

	Number of Axles & Axle Spacing in Axle Group (measured from centre lines)					
	2 Axles	3 Axles	3 Axles	4 Axles	4 Axles	5 Axles
	At least 1.2m apart	At least 1.2m apart	At least 1.8m apart	At least 1.2m apart	If front 2 and rear 2 axles are at least 1.2m apart, and middle 2 axles are at least 2.4m apart	At least 1.2m apart
Overall Ground Contact Width at least 2.4m apart	Axle Group Mass Limits for 4 Tyred Axles (tonnes)					
	18.5	25.0	27.0	30.0	35.0	
Overall Ground Contact Width at least 2.4m apart but less than 2.6m	Axle Group Mass Limits for 8 Tyred Axles (tonnes)					
	21.0	25.0	27.0	30.0	35.0	