

Update on Scenic Drive landslips

Responding to high priority road hazards caused by weather events



We are prioritising repairs to the Scenic Drive landslips to lessen impacts on Bilambil Heights and surrounding communities.

- Geotechnical assessments are an essential first step to permanently repair the road and reopen it safely.
- These assessments will determine short and long term remedial solutions for the sections of road damaged by 2 major landslips during recent floods. The design and construction of these repairs will take many months to complete.
- Fixing landslips is a complex engineering task. It is crucial that the base of the slip is properly stabilised to prevent a similar failure occurring in the future. Various specialist methods exist to do this and the geotechnical assessment will provide the necessary information for us to be able to select the best option to suit Scenic Drive's specific site conditions. Only then can the missing piece of road be constructed over this new foundation.
- We follow complex and comprehensive processes before construction can start. Following geotechnical assessment recommendations, designing and costing must be undertaken to determine the preferred options. Before any onsite work can begin, environmental assessments and approvals may also be required as well as consultations with any impacted landowners. We must then seek approval for the solution from Transport for NSW to ensure funding. The tender and contract process will then take place, followed by procurement. Only then can construction start.

Scenic Drive, north of Simpson Drive

- Closed to through traffic.
- Geotechnical test drilling of the roadway embankment has recently been completed and soil testing is now underway.
- Based on the geotechnical investigations, engineering solutions will be developed and costed.
- When all assessments have been completed, the preferred design option will be assigned to specialist contractors and it may take 6–12 months to fix the road.

Scenic Drive, between Mount Bilinga Circuit and Warringa Drive

- Geotechnical investigations have also started at the second landslip site on Scenic Drive.
- During these works there will be periodic, short closures of the road. We will notify impacted residents directly with details of these closures.
- One-lane traffic arrangements will remain in place while it is safe to do so, to allow access for residents between the 2 landslip sites. We are regularly monitoring this slip, especially after rain.
- To reduce the risk of the slip deteriorating, stormwater runoff is being diverted away from the slip face, with barriers in place to reduce loading on the road edge.

- We understand these extended works may cause significant disruption and inconvenience. We ask for your patience as we respond to the additional damage caused to the local road network by the second flood event in a month.
- Roads are closed to keep motorists safe. Please don't remove or tamper with road closure signs or barriers – it is a serious offence and could result in someone being hurt or killed.
- We are trying to re-establish public transport services to Bilambil Heights. Discussions with Transport for NSW, the body responsible for bus routes and services, are ongoing.
- For more information and to keep up to date with what's happening on our roads, visit myroadinfo.com.au or the Tweed Emergency Dashboard at emergency.tweed.nsw.gov.au