

Media Release

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Pipe repair to temporarily close one lane on Auckland Creek Bridge

Gladstone Regional Council will commence repair works to a sewer main pipe located along the Auckland Creek Bridge on Hanson Road from Monday 12 July.

These works will also see the temporary closure of the inbound lane on the Auckland Creek Bridge from Monday 26 July until Wednesday 11 August, with traffic management in place during this time.

Gladstone Region Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck said the pipe connects to the A01 Pump Station, located on Chapple Street, and Council first identified that several supporting brackets had failed in September 2020.

“As this bridge is an asset of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR), Council were required to negotiate approval from DTMR to undertake works on the bridge,” Councillor Goodluck said.

“Negotiations have been underway since September 2020, with DTMR issuing approval for the repair works on 14 June 2021.”

Cr Goodluck said Council took immediate preliminary action in September 2020 to minimise any further damage or any potential harm to the environment.

“Structural engineers secured the pipe to the header of the bridge in order to minimise potential movement and risk of the pipe falling from the header,” he said.

“A reduction of the pump flow rate from the A01 Pump Station was also actioned to reduce pressure and weight loading through the affected main.”

Cr Goodluck said the overall repair works timeline will commence on 12 July with a practical completion date anticipated by 20 August.

“The lifting of the pipeline will be completed gradually over the course of five days, in order to closely monitor the structural integrity and performance of the pipe, and to minimise risk of damage to the ductile iron pipe sections,” he said.

“Specialised clamps will be installed around the pipe joints prior to lifting to prevent potential leakage from these interconnections and reinforce them for the lift.”

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