

## Alexandra Range

### Current Works

- Site 1 – completed
- Site 2 – completed
- Site 3 – aiming to be trafficable by the end of October, allowing for the northern point of the single lane section to be moved to south of Alexandra Lookout. Images below of Site 3.

Contractors are aiming to close out the contract by 31 October 2024.



## Remaining Alexandra Range Sites

- The contract for the design and construction of sites 8a, 9, 10, 11 has been awarded to local contractor, COLPO Civil Construction & Project Management (COLPO).
- COLPO has also been awarded sites 3b, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
- COLPO has completed an inspection of all repair sites accompanied by Jabalbina and Wet Tropics Management Authority.
- The pre-start meeting was held Thursday 16 October 2024.
- COLPO is scheduled to commence work Monday 28 October 2024.

## Take Care at Fern Gully

There is a section of rock bank protruding at the southern approach to Fern Gully.

The rock has been painted bright orange to alert larger and/or wider trucks and those towing large caravans to take care negotiating this section of road.

At this stage, the length restrictions applied to Alexandra Range will not change and Council is working with contractors to avoid having to make any changes.

There is an additional King Fern to be relocated prior to work commencing. It will be craned out this week ahead of clearing and excavation due to start next week.

Contractors are aiming to finish the road widening by December 13, 2024.



## Noah Range Landslip

- HEH will be starting next week.
- The new methodology proposed by HEH reduces the number of trees and vegetation needing to be removed.
- This has been well received by Wet Tropics Management Authority.
- Additional barriers will be installed to provide more protection for the road and additional monitoring of the slope will be employed.

## Noah Creek Crossing

- Further stabilisation works on the temporary causeway (heavy vehicle) will start at the end of October in preparation of the wet season.

## Roadside Mowing

- The contractor, MPDT, commenced roadside mowing north of the Daintree River this week.
- Slashing is scheduled again for early/mid-December before the Christmas break.

## Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

- Tender has been released for approved repairs and is closing early November.
- The scope of works approved includes 'heavy formation' which means the road will be ripped, graded and material brought in for gravel re-sheeting.
- Road narrow signs have been installed at Luana Hairpin Bend (the switchback).
- Additional Geotech advice is being sourced for the landslips along the road.
- The two Give Way signs at either end Woobadda Bridge were washed away in the floods and these will be replaced.

## Unsealed Road Contracts

- Contractors for both unsealed road contracts—south of Daintree River, north of Daintree River to Cape Tribulation—have started work.
- A smoking ceremony for north of Daintree River was held Wednesday 16 October, and a smoking ceremony for south of Daintree River is scheduled for Wednesday 23 October in Daintree Village.

## Road Conditions – 18 October 2024

**Cape Tribulation Road** is open to all vehicles through to just past Cape Trib Beach House.

There are some weight, time and length restrictions.

- Alexandra Range – Open 5am to Midnight. If towing a trailer, caravan or campervan, total length cannot exceed 15.1 metres.
- Rigid vehicles cannot exceed 12.5 metres in length.
- Maximum weight of vehicles is 25 tonnes.
- Noah Creek Bridge has a weight restriction of 16 tonnes.
- Noah Causeway open for vehicles over 16 tonnes.
- Noah Range – Open 5am to Midnight.

**Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road** is open to 4WD vehicles.

- The road has deteriorated since opening late June and travellers are advised to take care to avoid damaging their vehicle.
- There are no weight or time restrictions, however the road is unsuitable for towing trailers, campervans or caravans. Douglas Shire Council has reinforced the messaging around no caravans or trailers.

**Zig Zag Road** open to 4WD vehicles. Road is suitable for towing.

**China Camp Road** open to 4WD vehicles only. There is a 5 tonnes load limit on the concrete section from Ayton.

**Ten Mile Road** is open to 4WD vehicles only.

**CREB Track** is open to 4WDs - experienced drivers only, and please **check weather conditions** beforehand.