

## Wet season traffic management strategy 2011-12 - Peninsula Developmental Road

From 14 December 2011, local residents of Cape York Peninsula will be able to apply for a wet season road use permit from the Department of Transport and Main Roads. This permit, available exclusively to local residents, will allow the holder to continue using the Peninsula Developmental Road (PDR) throughout the wet season, even after it is closed to through traffic, subject to certain conditions.

### **Why has the system changed?**

The new permit system has been developed in consultation with local road users following a departmental commitment to improve the wet season traffic management strategy on the PDR. The system is designed to offer more flexibility to the people who are most familiar with local conditions.

### **What is different under the new system?**

Previously, when the PDR was closed to through traffic, local motorists needed separate permits for each trip they made. Under the new system, local residents may have access to a longer-term permit, which will allow multiple trips on the road throughout the closure period.

### **What are the permit conditions?**

Safety remains the department's foremost priority, and every applicant will have to comply with strict safety conditions, including vehicle type and weight restrictions, before their application can be considered. The department and Queensland Police Service will also retain the authority to override access permits if the road is deemed unsafe to drive. A full list of conditions is available on the permit application form.

### **Is the permit valid for all Cape York roads?**

The permit is limited to the state-controlled PDR, and is not valid for travel on any roads under the jurisdiction of Cook Shire Council or other local governments.

For more information about the new permit system, or to obtain a permit application form, please contact Mr David Hamilton, Road Operations Manager in Cairns, on 4050 5406. Mr Hamilton will be pleased to assist.

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