Indooroopilly – Bridge Strike Protection

The Queensland Government is committed to improving safety at low-level rail over road bridges and is working with Queensland Rail and local councils to reduce bridge strikes to zero.

Allwood Street, Indooroopilly is the fifth location in a state-wide Bridge Strike Protection Program, which involves installing protection beams to prevent ‘over-height’ vehicles striking existing rail bridges.

**What is involved?**

Work is scheduled to start in late August 2015 to install protection beams on both sides of the rail bridge over Allwood Street, Indooroopilly.

The protection beams will be attached to the walls of the existing rail bridge.

Queensland Rail is working in close collaboration with Brisbane City Council to deliver the project, which will improve transport safety in Indooroopilly.

**Why is this important?**

Bridge strikes are a major risk to Queensland Rail with potentially severe consequences for passenger safety.

The Allwood Street rail bridge was struck by ‘over-height’ vehicles seven times last year, and has already been hit four times this year. The site is currently fitted with some protection measures, however bridge strikes continue to occur at this location.
For your information

The protection beams will prevent ‘over-height’ vehicles striking the bridge, improving transport safety and preventing train delays caused by bridge strikes.

The effectiveness of the protection beams has already been clearly demonstrated at Annerley Road, Dutton Park, where beams were installed in 2014.

**Changed road conditions**

**Once the protection beams are installed, the maximum clearance height for vehicles will be 2.8 metres.**

New warning signage will be installed by Brisbane City Council as part of this project.

It is essential motorists are aware of the height of their vehicles and follow the warning and detour signage provided.

**Construction impacts**

Construction work is planned to occur from late August to late October 2015.

Night works and lane closures will be required periodically throughout this time to safely install each protection beam.

The footpath underneath the bridge will be closed for one month and full road closures will be required toward the end of the construction program to safely lift and install the beams. Wherever possible this will be done after hours or on weekends to minimise traffic disruption.

Signage and traffic control will be in place to advise motorists and pedestrians of temporary closures and detours.

Queensland Rail will endeavour to minimise disruption to motorists and the surrounding communities during construction activities.

**Contact Queensland Rail**

If you have any questions about Queensland Rail’s works on Allwood Street, Indooroopilly, please contact Queensland Rail’s customer service team on 13 16 17 or email customerfeedback@qr.com.au