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THARWA BRIDGE CLOSURE

Territory and Municipal Services wishes to advise motorists that Tharwa Bridge will be closed early this morning.

Recent detailed inspections of the bridge by Territory and Municipal Services and experts from the NSW RTA have identified a number of concerns regarding movement in the bridge structure which cannot be immediately located.

This situation means that the bridge is not safe for use by vehicular traffic.

Territory and Municipal Services' priority is to provide a safe crossing to Tharwa, and at present this cannot be guaranteed. It is expected that the bridge will be closed for up to three months to allow remedial work to take place.

Traffic will be detoured via Point Hut Crossing, which adds approximately 10 minutes to the journey. Barriers, as well as warning and detour signs will be in place.

Territory and Municipal Services apologises for any inconvenience caused.

For up-to-date information on the Tharwa Bridge closure please contact Tony Gill, Director, Roads ACT on 0418 654 788.

Statement ends: 19 September 2006

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