

Works Notification

Ross River Dam Hazard Reduction Burn

Monday 18 May 2026

What works are coming up?

Townsville City Council is committed to community safety, with an Emergency Management team focused on planning for natural hazards and mitigating risks.

In regional Queensland, landowners must implement fire prevention measures on their property, including creating fire trails to reduce fire risks and prevent fires from spreading to neighbouring properties.

To meet these obligations, Council is undertaking a joint hazard reduction burn in the open space areas of the Ross River Dam, as indicated overleaf.

When will the works take place?

Location	Ross River Dam, Kelso, Rasmussen and Oak Valley.
Timing	Monday 25 May 2026 and are expected to take two (2) days to complete, weather and project conditions permitting.
Hours	Normal work hours are from 6am to 6pm Monday to Saturday . In exceptional cases, work may be required outside these hours.

What will the works include?

- controlled ignition of the area using planned burning methodologies and ongoing monitoring, including smoke management.
- during the burn, we may need to enter your property for control and safety.
- burn schedule is weather-dependent. The exact date will be posted on Council's Facebook page 24 hours in advance.

What does this mean for me?

If you live near or are travelling through the area, you may experience:

- certain access points, including roads, may be temporarily closed for fire safety
- remove combustible items like green waste and tall grass from your property
- inform your neighbours about the fire operations and prepare your property
- residents with health issues affected by smoke should take precautions.

Funding

Hazard Reduction burns are funded by Townsville City Council.

Contact us

To find out more about these works or the project, please contact us on the details below.

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