

Works Notification

UPDATE | Ross River Dam Hazard Reduction Burn

Monday 7 September 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
Timing	Wednesday 9 September 2026 and are expected to take one (1) day to complete, weather and project conditions permitting.
Hours	Normal work hours are from 6am to 10pm 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
- burn schedule is weather-dependent.

What does this mean for me?

If you live near or are travelling through the area, you may experience smoke from the hazard reduction burn. 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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A planned burn will take place in the area inside the blue boundary shown below.

