

Friday, 9 May 2008

St Marys Pass to Close for Essential Maintenance

The St Marys Pass section of the Esk Main Road will be closed in June to enable essential maintenance work to be done.

The route will be closed from 7 am on Monday 2 June until 5 pm on Sunday 15 June.

The work is being done during the June school holidays to minimise inconvenience for school buses and the travelling public generally.

Lyons MP Heather Butler said today that the closure would be for the whole 14 days, with both lanes fully closed for the duration.

"The work to be done includes the removal of loose rocks from the roadside slopes, the provision of wire mesh sheeting over certain slopes to prevent loose rocks from falling onto the road and miscellaneous road repairs and maintenance.

"Monitoring of St Marys Pass has been continuing since the East Coast bushfires of December 2006, especially as the area is historically prone to rock falls.

"The work planned for June is designed to improve the area's safety and general stability," she said.

The detour route for the closure will be Elephant Pass between St Marys and the Tasman Highway.

Electronic variable message signs will be installed a week before the planned work to provide advance warning of the closure.