

# DAWSON MINE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Anglo American is committed to providing regular updates on the Dawson mine road access issues and other mine information that will be of interest to the community and stakeholders.

This community update will be distributed fortnightly, please also view our website for more information:

[www.AngloAmerican.com.au](http://www.AngloAmerican.com.au)

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## ROAD ACCESS RESTORATION PROJECT

Anglo American's priority is restoring safe public access across the mine lease as soon as possible.

The Gibihi Road failure was unexpected and investigation into the cause of the incident indicates the circular geotechnical failure is significant and extends between the mine and Gibihi Road. The area is extremely unstable and continues to be monitored using a slope stability radar system.

Anglo American, in consultation with Banana Shire Council, is conducting an options study to determine the safest approach for future public vehicle access.

The technical requirements to develop options has been more complicated and taken more time than originally expected due to the failure mechanisms. We apologise for the uncertainty and frustration this has caused. Please be assured restoring access is our priority and we are working hard to ensure a solution is found as quickly as possible. We expect to be able to conclude the assessment of options within the next two weeks.

Anglo American has agreed access arrangements with Queensland Emergency Services in the case of medical emergencies.

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## CURRENT ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: KIANGA ROAD

An alternative route is available via Kianga Road, which has now been graded to improve access. Anglo American is conducting regular dust suppression and is installing temporary electric fencing to improve safety conditions of the road. Anglo American is also investigating additional options to upgrade the road in the near future.

**If using Kianga Road, please drive slowly and carefully and observe road conditions.**

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## COMMUNITY IMPACT STUDY

Anglo American understands the closure of Gibihi Road has caused frustration for all road users. We apologise to the community for the disruption.

To understand the full range of impacts of the road closure, Anglo American has appointed professional services firm, Ernst & Young, to conduct a community impact study.

Ernst & Young will consult and seek feedback from the community on behalf of Anglo American. Final details for community consultation are being confirmed and will be communicated soon. Interested parties may pre-register for consultation sessions by emailing:

[dawson.eycontact@au.ey.com](mailto:dawson.eycontact@au.ey.com).

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## TIMELINE

### 9 November 2017

Gibihi Road is closed following a routine blast as cracking appears from the pit's endwall onto the road.

Anglo American launches an investigation into the cause and meets regularly with Banana Shire Council.

### 10 November 2017

Neighbouring landholders are provided with alternative access through the mine.

### 13 November 2017

Anglo American appoints a dedicated project manager to work with Banana Shire Council.

### 24 November 2017

Anglo American conducts initial risk assessment of the road closure, including alternate emergency routes, which is endorsed by Queensland Emergency Services.

### 28 November 2017

Early findings from Anglo American's investigation indicate a circular geotechnical failure resulted in movement of the pit endwall extending to Gibihi Road.

### 11 December 2017 – February 2018

Anglo American commences studies on road access restoration options, in consultation with Banana Shire Council.

### 1 February 2018

Results of extensive geotechnical investigation indicating significant instability of the area.

### 5 February 2018

Kianga Road is graded as an alternative route for light vehicles (subject to good weather conditions).

### 12 February 2018

Anglo American seeks to understand all impacts and appoints Ernst & Young to conduct a social impact assessment.

