

River Torrens Heavy Vehicle Bypass

Prescribed routes for heavy vehicles in Adelaide CBD and North Adelaide

This fact sheet provides information on permitted heavy vehicle routes and load restrictions for heavy vehicles weighing over 26 tonnes in the City of Adelaide.

From 27 September 2019 all vehicles that exceed 26 tonnes will be restricted from crossing three road bridges over the river Torrens in the Adelaide CBD and North Adelaide.

Bridges subject to the restriction:

Albert Bridge
Adelaide Bridge
Victoria Bridge

The Adelaide City Ring Route (R1) is the best way for large and heavy vehicles to avoid the restricted bridges and move between Adelaide CBD and North Adelaide.



Large and heavy vehicles that require access to the area can do so directly from the ring route as indicated above without crossing each of the three bridges.

Impact of the changes

The new restriction of 26 tonnes will have a minimal impact. All cars, ambulances, buses, rubbish trucks and Metropolitan Fire Service appliances are within the new limit and will continue to use bridges as normal.

The haulage industry is already familiar with the requirement to bypass Adelaide CBD and North Adelaide. For many years vehicles greater than 42.5 tonnes have been directed to use the Adelaide City Ring Route.

Who has been notified?

The South Australia Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (HNVR) and SA Police have been advised of the restriction and work with the City of Adelaide to ensure that all operators comply with it.

Why is the weight restriction of 26 tonnes coming into effect now?

Specialist engineers have recommended moving the flow of heavy vehicle traffic to the ring route around the CBD. This will ensure the life of the bridge assets can be maximised effectively.

The Albert Bridge is over 140 years old, Adelaide Bridge is nearing 100 years old and Victoria Bridge is now over 50 years old. All the city's bridges require proactive management and carefully calculated weight restrictions to ensure they function well into the future.

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