

## BOGONG HIGH PLAINS ROAD LANDSLIP



**MAY 2023** 

Access to Falls Creek via Bogong High Plains Road has been restored in time for Winter Ski Season preparations.

Our crews were all smiles on Sunday 23 April when they successfully reopened Bogong High Plans Road between Mt Beauty and Falls Creek – two days ahead of schedule.

Despite the enormous engineering task, poor ground conditions, earth tremors and a one-in-ten-year rain event, teams continued to work tirelessly to cut and remove the 75,000 cubic metres of material needed to re-open a single lane across the front of the landslip.

While the re-opening of Bogong High Plains Road was always heavily dependent on the elements, an agile approach and having an excellent contractor on the job, Whelans Group Investments, along with many local workers and suppliers, has been critical to the project's success.

Thank you to everyone across the high-country communities for your patience as we navigated one of the most complex landslips we've seen in our state in over 40 years.

Read on to learn more about what to expect now that the road has re-opened.

Image above: Some of the earth-moving machinery used to help clear the landslip site so that vehicles could return to Bogong High Plains Road between Mt Beauty and Falls Creek.



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#### Timeline of events



#### Oct 2022 - Landslip occurs

 Bogong High Plains Road closed to traffic



#### Nov 2022

- DTP begins removing material
- 4WD emergency access track opens
- Geotech investigations begin



#### Dec 2022 - Jan 2023

- Material removal and investigations continue
- Safety monitors installed



#### Feb 2023

 MRPV takes over management of landslip rectification



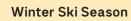
#### Mar 2023

 Material removal continues and pre-opening safety preparations start



#### Apr 2023

Access between
 Mount Beauty and Falls
 Creek is restored



 Works continue on permanent solution

A vehicle drives past the face of the landslip on 24 April

#### What to expect

A single lane traffic arrangement is now in place across the front of the landslip to safely guide vehicles between Mount Beauty and Falls Creek.

The length of the single lane is approximately 300 metres with lanes operating as usual along the remainder of Bogong High Plains Road.\*

There'll be minimal delays to road users during the hours of 6am and 8am, and 4pm and 6pm each day, and overnight when works are not taking place. Outside of these times, drivers should allow an extra 15 minutes of travel time each way, with crews periodically halting traffic to allow works to continue safely.

To further reduce delays, traffic signals are programmed to prioritise peak travel times. For example, traffic going up the mountain receives priority in the morning and then in the afternoon as they head back down.

\*Note: There are no restrictions on the type of vehicles that can use the road, except for those that require a permit, such as oversize trucks.\* We encourage cyclists to continue to avoid the area if possible.

#### Safety is our highest priority

We're committed to keeping drivers and our crews safe, so we've placed concrete traffic barriers along the front of the landslip to separate traffic from the construction site.

Sensors have also been installed on the slip to detect any unplanned movement with boom gates located on the road ready to close should this occur.

#### Works continue

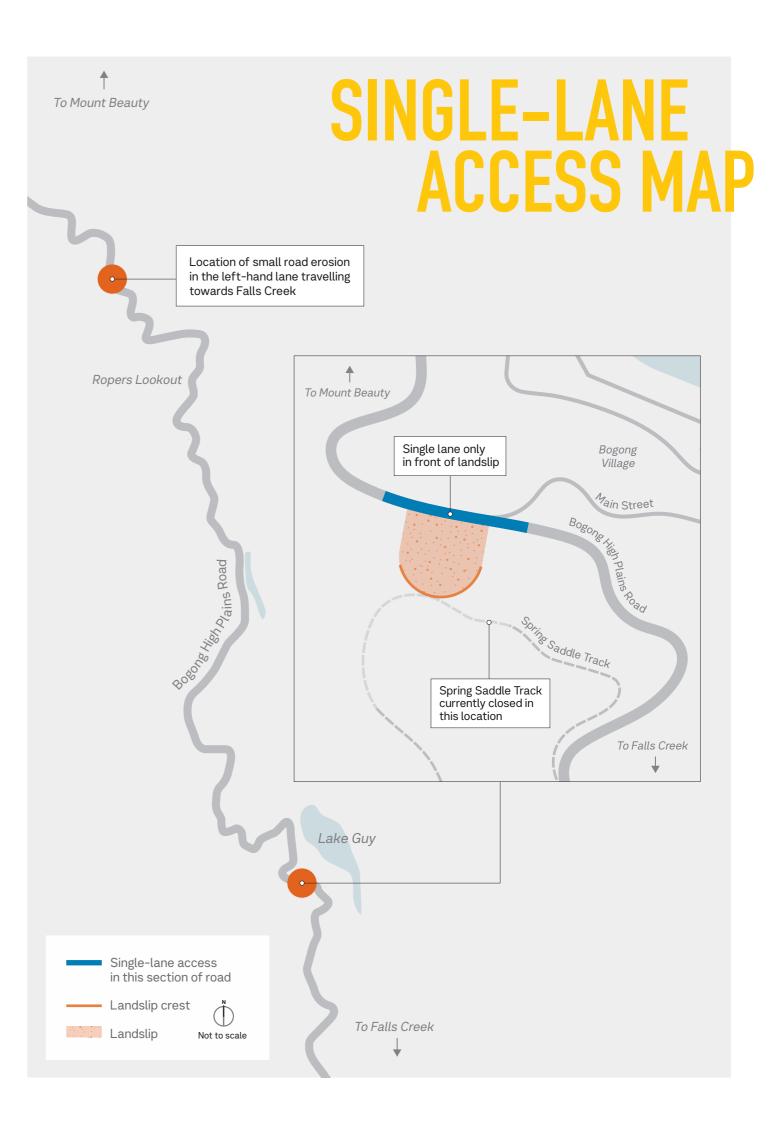
Our crews are continuing to work 7-days a week towards the permanent solution, weather and ground conditions permitting. This requires the ongoing movement of heavy vehicles on Bogong High Plains Road. Please drive with care and caution.

We've also recently been tasked with formulating a design solution to repair a smaller section of Bogong High Plains Road which has eroded following heavy rainfall. There is currently a second minor single lane traffic arrangement in place to guide vehicles safely around the failure, which will remain in place until a solution is determined.

### Frequently asked questions

For the answers to more common re-opening questions, please visit the Bogong High Plains Road Landslip Project Update page on bigbuild.vic.gov.au





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