

Trucking movements between Gulkula Mine and Rio Tinto bauxite mine

You may notice an increase in the number of trucks along Dhupuma Road. These trucking movements are in place by Rio Tinto to transport bauxite from the newly opened Gulkula Mine. Trucks will be travelling along an approximate 4km section of Dhupuma Road and will also be intersecting Daliwuy Bay Road.

Take the following precautions when travelling:

- Maintain a safe distance from trucks on Dhupuma Road.
- Be aware of turning trucks as they enter and exit the Gulkula Mine, Rio Tinto Mine, Dhupuma Road and Daliwuy Bay Road
- Drivers may experience reduced visibility from dust created by truck movements. Maintain a safe distance from trucks.
- Avoid overtaking. Trucks are being dispatched in a staged way to help ensure road users do not end up behind multiple trucks. It is recommended that road users wait the approximate 4km required for trucks to travel along Dhupuma Road.
- If possible, maintain communication with truck drivers via ultra-high frequency (UHF) channel 40.
- Remain aware of nearby vehicles in both directions.
- Drive to conditions.

What safety controls are in place?

- Dispatching trucks in a staged way to prevent congestion.
- Enforcing strict road train driver behaviour expectations.
- Trucks will be fitted with In Vehicle Monitoring Systems and dash cams to monitor and promote safe driving practices by all road users.
- Road condition reports including monitoring and inspections at regular intervals to understand any deteriorating conditions.
- Feedback mechanisms for road users to liaise with Rio Tinto.

What will be used to manage dust suppression?

- In accordance with the Traffic Management Plan, dust suppression activities will take place and regular inspections along the Dhupuma Road will be undertaken.
- All trucks and trailers will have roll tarps fitted in accordance with relevant NT regulations. Loose loads will also be secured.

How will the road condition be maintained?

- Regular grading of the impacted area of Dhupuma Road will be undertaken.

Make contact with truck drivers via UHF Channel 40

If you have any concerns, please contact the Rio Tinto Community Hotline on **1800 996 508**

Fast facts

- Bauxite will be transported from the Gulkula Mine to the Rio Tinto Mine by road for a distance of approximately 12.5km. This includes road trains travelling on a small section of Dhupuma Road as well as intersecting with Daliwuy Bay Road.
- Trucking movements will be seven days a week of between 40 and 80 trucking movements per day between 6am – 6pm.
- Trucks will be dispatched in a staged way to avoid congestion.
- Entry and exit on all affected roads as well as in and out of the Rio Tinto mine site and Gulkula mine site will be clearly signed.

Drive to conditions

