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Weekday crawl getting worse for Brisbane drivers

Commute speeds along the south east's major road corridors had slowed by up to 30 percent in July, compared with the same period last year, new data from the State's peak motoring body revealed.

RACQ's latest Travel Time Report found motorists last month travelled at average speeds as low as 34km/h during peak times on congested sections of the Pacific Motorway, which was up to 28 percent slower than in July 2017.

The report showed traffic on the Centenary Motorway dawdled at an average of 27km/h in both the morning and afternoon peaks near Miskin Street and became as slow as 23km/h between the Toowong roundabout and Moggill Road in the afternoon.

RACQ Head of Public Policy Rebecca Michael said the year-on-year comparisons revealed peak travel times across Brisbane had generally worsened in the past 12 months.

"The Pacific Motorway is barely moving from Logan River to the Gateway merge with additional delays of around 12 minutes. It's a similar story north on the Bruce Highway near Anzac Avenue where drivers are crawling at just 44km/h," Dr Michael said.

"It's concerning because we had four fewer 'school days' in July this year, which would usually mean faster speeds with less traffic on the roads during school holidays – the fact this wasn't the case shows we need to take an urgent look at the state of our major thoroughfares."

Dr Michael said the Club welcomed recent upgrade announcements and the introduction of variable speed limits on the Pacific Motorway which would ease congestion but said more needed to be done to prepare for future traffic volumes across the network.

"It's time commuters were rewarded for their patience. Variable speeds will help on the M1, but we need funding commitments to improve major corridors including the Centenary Motorway and the Bruce Highway," she said.

"Innovation and investment in our roads is critical, and we'll need more of it if we're to combat the gridlock we continue to see on a daily basis across the region."

The full report could be viewed on the RACQ [website](#).

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Slowest motorway sections (July 2017 vs July 2018), inbound AM (6am–9am):

Sections over 1km

AM (Inbound) Road Section	Average Speed (km/h)		Change (km/h)	Change (%)
	Jul-17	Jul-18		
Ipswich Mwy - Harcourt Rd to Oxley Rd*	33	25	-8	-24%
Centenary Mwy - 1.5km South of Toowong R/about to Miskin St	27	27	0	0%
Pacific Mwy - Paradise Rd to sth of Underwood Rd Opass	47	34	-13	-28%
Pacific Mwy - OKeefe St to Hawthorne St	41	39	-2	-5%
Pacific Mwy - sth of Logan River to Paradise Rd	54	40	-14	-26%
Centenary Mwy - Dandenong Rd to Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd	33	43	10	30%
Pacific Mwy - sth of Capt Cook Bridge to Herschel St	N/A	44	N/A	N/A
Bruce Hwy - Anzac Ave to Murrumba Downs VMS	62	44	-18	-29%
Ipswich Mwy - Oxley Rd to Granard Rd*	58	51	-7	-12%
Mt Lindesay Hwy - Park Ridge Interchange to Browns Plains Rd	46	52	6	13%

*Roadworks on these sections may have reduced average travel speed

Slowest motorway sections (July 2017 vs July 2018), outbound PM (4pm–7pm):

Sections over 1km

PM (Outbound) Road Section	Average Speed (km/h)		Change (km/h)	Change (%)
	Jul-17	Jul-18		
Centenary Mwy - Moggill Rd to Fig Tree Pocket Road	25	22	-3	-12%
Centenary Mwy - 1.5km South of Toowong R/about to Moggill Rd	27	23	-4	-15%
Centenary Mwy - Miskin St to 1.5km South of Toowong R/about	35	27	-8	-23%
Pacific Mwy - Herschel St to sth of Capt Cook Bridge	N/A	28	N/A	N/A
Ipswich Mwy - Granard Rd to Oxley Rd*	33	29	-4	-12%
Pacific Mwy - Hawthorne St to OKeefe St	36	31	-5	-14%
Gympie Arterial Rd - Beams Road to Pine River Bridge	43	37	-6	-14%
Pacific Mwy - Gateway Mwy Opass to Underwood Rd*	45	40	-5	-11%
Pacific Mwy - OKeefe St to 1km sth of Juliette St	52	48	-4	-8%
Mt Lindesay Hwy - Browns Plains Rd to Park Ridge Interchange	55	58	3	5%

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