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Brisbane's worst bridges for crashes revealed

RACQ has urged drivers to slow down and to take care merging, after its insurance claims data revealed the Brisbane bridges motorists were most likely to be involved in a crash.

RACQ spokesperson Lucinda Ross said the Story Bridge, with 36 crashes, topped the list of claims recorded between January 2015 and October 2018, ahead of the Captain Cook, Gateway and William Jolly bridges.

"The Story Bridge is one of Brisbane's major river crossings and when a crash occurs, it can impact the entire network, much to the frustration of drivers," Ms Ross said.

"With 29 crashes, the Captain Cook Bridge was also high on the list, and seeing as there are limited free alternatives available, any traffic incident on this bridge has widespread impacts."

Ms Ross said there were a number of reasons these locations topped the list.

"These bridges are often heavily congested, high volume, multi-lane crossings, making them hot spots for multi-vehicle crashes," she said.

"Most are peak hour rear-end collisions, or sideswipes where drivers fail to give way changing lanes. Drivers need to take care merging and leave plenty of room between cars."

Ms Ross said while the Club welcomed the Brisbane Metro project, cross river capacity for cars would be further reduced when the Victoria Bridge was reallocated as a green bridge.

"Not only do we need investment in public transport, but also funding to ensure we have free alternative routes that minimise delays and offer access to and from Brisbane City by car. That means we need upgrades to Roma Street, North Quay, Stanley and Vulture streets."

Crashes recorded on Brisbane bridges (1 January 2015 - 31 October 2018):

1. Story Bridge - 36
2. Captain Cook Bridge - 29
3. Gateway Bridge - 14
4. William Jolly Bridge - 11
5. Walter Taylor Bridge - 10
6. Go Between Bridge - 4.

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