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## Sunshine Coast drivers see red over congested roads

Drivers fed up with traffic congestion have named and shamed more than 400 of Queensland's worst roads for unnecessary delays with several Sunshine Coast routes receiving poor report cards.

RACQ received almost 2,000 nominations for locations where drivers experienced frustrating gridlock as part of the Club's annual Red Spot Congestion survey.

RACQ Head of Public Policy Rebecca Michael said Caloundra Road, Sunshine Motorway, Bruce Highway and Nambour Connection Road were among the most troublesome locations identified by Sunshine Coast locals.

"We put the call out to drivers, who're in the best position to identify problem spots, to help us locate the roads constantly causing them headaches behind the wheel," Dr Michael said.

"Across the Sunshine Coast there were 186 nominations in total with the most common complaint for long traffic queues at the Caloundra Road and Nicklin Way roundabout and the Caloundra Road and Kawana Way Link Road roundabout.

"The Sunshine Motorway also featured in the top 10, with drivers frustrated at delays on the single lane sections of the motorway from Pacific Paradise to Coolum and Sippy Downs to Mountain Creek interchange.

"Despite the Bruce Highway topping the list this year, work is underway to upgrade the section between Caloundra Road and the Sunshine Motorway to six lanes. However, better rail connections for the Coast, further Bruce Highway improvements and major upgrades to the Sunshine Motorway are desperately needed."

Dr Michael said the survey results would be made available to all levels of government and would be used by the Club to lobby for road funding and improvements.

"It's clear congestion is an issue that really grinds our gears and costs us time and lost productivity, especially now that we're returning to more frequent travel following last year's COVID-19 lockdown," she said.

"We'll use this information to guide our policy and to lobby all tiers of government for solutions to bottlenecked areas."

RACQ's Red Spot Survey results and an interactive map could be viewed [here](#).

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## Top 10 most nominated roads for congestion in Queensland:

No.	Road Name	Responses	Specific locations
1	Bruce Highway	165	Pine Rivers to Caloundra. Bruce Highway intersection at Shaw, Townsville.
2	Centenary Motorway	154	Ipswich Motorway to Toowong, Logan Motorway interchange.
3	Pacific Motorway	117	Loganholme to Eight miles Plains and Exit 45, 49, 54, 57 interchanges
4	Gateway Motorway	74	Deagon Deviation to Bruce Highway
5	Gympie Road	60	Hamilton Road intersection, Chermside and Beams Road intersection at Carseldine
6	Caloundra Road	50	Nicklin Way roundabout and Kawana Way Link Road roundabout
7	Moggill Road	47	Kenmore to Indooroopilly, including Kenmore Road intersection and Brookfield Road intersection
8	South Pine Road	40	Stafford Road intersection and Eatons Crossing Road
9	Sunshine Motorway	39	Pacific Paradise to Coolum and Sippy Downs to Mountain Creek
10	Logan Road	32	Miles Platting Road and Padstow Road intersection and Kessels Road/Mt Gravatt Capalaba Road intersection

## Top 10 most congestion roads on the Sunshine Coast:

1	Caloundra Road
2	Sunshine Motorway
3	Bruce Highway
4	Nambour Connection Road
5	Beckmans Road, Tewantin
6	Maroochydore Road
7	Nicklin Way
8	Mooloolaba Road
9	Maroochy Boulevard
10	Woombye Palmwoods Road

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