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BAD WEATHER LEAVE THE HISBISCUS COAST ROADS AND BRIDGES WASHED AWAY

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison expresses his serious concerns after the heavy rain attacked the Durban Region and surroundings yesterday (17/06/08) night leaving many roads closed after being washed away.

Preliminary reports reveal that many roads were flooded after the heavy rain leaving the Hisbiscus Coast declared the disaster area. N2S CBD's slow lane in Winklespruit is flooded. Trees uprooted CBD area around the shopping area at Toti and also R102 in Selborne. R612 at uMzinto, N2 Moss Klonik turnoff, N2S at the Arch Bridge between Park Rynie and Sezela as well as N2S Sezela experienced major mud slide leaving the N2S Sezela closed. R102 Kelso River bridge, uMzinto Ghandinager township river bridge, R620 old main road from Port Shepstone to Marine drive, P200 Marburg main road and bridges are flooded and all the roads nearby are closed and there is no access for the residents. MEC Cele will be visiting the affected areas tomorrow (19/06/08), more details will follow after confirmation.

"We urge all road users to be extra vigilant and tolerant to one another when using these roads on such bad weather. We cannot afford to have unnecessary accidents caused by bad roads rooted from the bad weather that is why the Department will ensure that the roads are repaired and back to their working normal conditions as soon as possible. We ask KZN citizens to be safe than sorry" said Cele.

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