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## **LANDSLIDE THREAT: AVOID USING THE WINDING ROAD NEAR THE GUILLEMARD RESERVOIR DURING HEAVY DOWNPOURS**

- **Heavy continuous rain caused a landslide at a section of Jalan Lembah Permai (the winding road downhill of Guillemard Reservoir in Tanjong Bungah) this morning.**
- **A 1.5km section of the road was temporarily closed for emergency road debris clearing work. Road will be re-opened later today when work is completed.**

PENANG, Wednesday, 29.9.2021: A continuous heavy downpour since last night caused a landslide at Jalan Lembah Permai, the winding road downhill of the Guillemard Reservoir in Tanjong Bungah, last night.

At about 9.30pm last night, a 10m high by 9m wide section of the hillslope (about 50m away from the entrance to the reservoir) collapsed. Debris was strewn along a 10m stretch of one lane of the road.

Today, a 1.5km section of the road was temporarily closed for emergency road clearing works (from the Puncak Erskine Apartments to near the Jalan Tan Jit Seng). Public Works Department (JKR) and Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) personnel were on-site.

The road will be re-opened for public access when the road clearing works are completed later today.

### **Avoid this road during heavy downpours**

Road users are advised to avoid using the winding section of Jalan Lembah Permai (downhill of the Guillemard Reservoir) during rainy seasons. Kindly use Jalan Tanjong Bungah instead to travel more safely between Tanjong Bungah and Tanjong Tokong.

There are 3 good reasons to avoid this section of Jalan Lembah Permai for the time being:

1. This is a winding hillside road section with steep road shoulders on both sides, uphill and downhill. Big storms have caused numerous landslides along this road section before, and there will always be a threat of a landslide after heavy continuous downpours.
2. One lane of this road section may be closed intermittently over the next 3 months as PBAPP needs to implement slope reinstatement works at the area where the landslide occurred.
3. PBAPP will also be carrying out slope survey operations and may implement additional slope strengthening works at other locations along this road to prevent another landslide.

PBAPP regrets any inconveniences caused. We seek the kind cooperation and understanding of the public, especially daily commuters living in Tanjung Bungah and Tanjung Tokong, in prioritising public safety during and after heavy downpours.

Thank You.

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