

Cyclists, runners taking chances on Chappies

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Cyclists and runners are putting their lives at risk by slipping around gates and ignoring signage on Chapman's Peak Drive, where a 24-hour stop-and-go is in effect for roadworks, say contractors

According to the Chapman's Peak Drive website, the stop-and-go, which has been in effect since Friday August 2, is necessary to repair recent storm damage as well as damage caused by the mudslides in September last year. Work includes fixing and replacing fences, stabilising slopes and improving signage.

The contractors, Entilini Concession, are also doing drilling on a section of the route.

However, engineering manager Greg Coelen said the project was being hampered by cyclists and runners.

"We have an ongoing issue where cyclists continue to use the

road and flagrantly disregard any traffic rules that are posted on our website. The most recent incident was last Sunday morning August 11, around 8am," he said, noting that he had photographed some cyclists climbing around the side of a gate.

There are two sets of gates that the contractors close on Chapman's Peak Drive for weather and repair-related issues.

Mr Coelen said they had been in contact with the Pedal Power Association SA, which had tried to remind the cyclists to obey signage.

"When a cyclist is injured then there is a huge outcry, but they are their own worst enemy," Mr Coelen said.

"As we are not law enforcement, all we can do is capture footage of them and give it to the cycling associations to deal with them."

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