

## Road Closures

### PURPOSE

To provide guidance for determining whether to permanently close a road.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to any request for the permanent closure of any road within Council's municipal district.

### POLICY

To protect the public interest, the closure of public roads is generally not supported.

Council will base its deliberations on whether to close a road on the following criteria:

#### Access

- (a) The road function is minor in nature, ie. does not provide a through link, serves limited number of properties or is of insufficient width for practical upgrading;
- (b) Alternative access is available to all adjoining properties and any other property that gains access via that road reserve;
- (c) No land-locked allotments will be created, or if they are, access will be secured by amalgamation of titles;

#### Environmental

- (d) Status of environmental values ie native vegetation, threatened species, on the road. Where high values are present protection may be best provided by not closing the road.

#### Support

- (e) Majority of landowners affected support the closure;
- (f) All affected authorities have been consulted;
- (g) The proposal supports sound planning principles for the area;

#### Other

- (h) The demonstrated benefits and advantages to Council, the community and private interests for closing the road;
- (i) Whether the road reserve will be required in the future by Council for another function, eg. drainage, revegetation offsets.
- (j) Ownership and/or maintenance responsibilities are clearly defined; and
- (k) Consideration of who will receive the proceeds from selling the closed road and where financial responsibility for its reopening or replacement will lie, should it be required in the future.

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### RELATED POLICIES

*Council Policy Protocol*

### RELATED LEGISLATION

*Local Government Act 1989*  
*Road Management Act 2004*

### REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed two years from the date of adoption, with operational amendments as required in accordance with Council's approval.

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