

Road Closures Policy



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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, i.e. 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 i.e. 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;

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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, e.g. 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.

RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2020
Road Management Act 2004

REFERENCES

