



## **TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION POLICIES**

### **ROAD CLOSURES**

#### **Objective**

To ensure the provision of an efficient, safe and effective road system for the community.

Corporate Plan - 3.3.1

#### **Policy**

The following matters will be taken into account when assessing applications for the closing and purchase of unnecessary roads:-

- ❖ Present and future requirements of the public.
- ❖ General public recreation needs.
- ❖ The environment.
- ❖ Possible gravel supplies.
- ❖ The Roads Act, 1993.

Council may object to the closure of a Crown Road where the closure of the road:

- ❖ Creates a landlocked lot unless the title of the landlocked lot is consolidated with an adjacent lot that will continue to have a legal access.
- ❖ Removes access to a natural feature such as a river or area that provides or potentially provides a community use.
- ❖ Could lead to the potential loss of an area of significant native vegetation unless a covenant protecting the vegetation is placed on the land.

Council may not object to the closure of a Crown Road if the application is made through the Department of Lands and Council is assured that the above considerations have been adequately addressed by the Department.

An appropriate fee will be charged by Council to process the application.

#### **Reason**

To ensure that no roads are closed without taking into account the full impact of the proposal and to minimise adverse effects.

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