



## ENG06 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Aim	To clarify Council's role when closing roads for which the Council has responsibility.
Application	All Staff.
Statutory Environment	<i>Local Government Act 1995 Section 3.50(1a) and 3.50(4)</i>
Principles	Strategic Community Plan 2017 – 2027 (2019 Desktop Review) Goal 01 Vibrant and Active Communities Objective 1 Connected, caring and engaged communities
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### OBJECTIVE

Unless otherwise stated, the Shire shall practice its rights and obligations to close, and subsequently re-open any road under its responsibility in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, and the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

Specifically, where the Shire is required to issue local public notice, the broadcast of road status via the Councils Road Condition Reports, from time to time occur as conditions change, and the issue of local public notice shall be in accordance with Section 1.7 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Furthermore, where the Shire can reasonably determine that a road closure is expected to exceed a period of twenty-eight (28) days, the Shire shall:

- Give local public notice, in newsprint generally circulating in the district, giving details of the proposal to close such road;
- Give written notice to each land owner/occupier likely to be affected by the proposal to close such road; and
- Invite public comment on the proposal to close such land.

Where a road closure inadvertently exceeds a period of twenty-eight (28) days, the Council shall meet its obligations under provisions of the Local Government Act 1995.

**\*\*\* Note - Road closures for Roadworks will require an approved Traffic Management Plan and Working in a Shire Reserve permit.**



## **EXCEPTIONAL PERMITS**

Section 3.50 (2) of the Local Government Act allows the Shire to limit road closures to vehicles of any class, to particular times or to such other case or class of case as may be specified in the order and may contain exceptions.

To this end, the Shire recognises the need for remote residents to access supplies. It is therefore the intention of this policy to allow exceptions to approved vehicles granting limited access to traverse on selected closed roads.

Applicants seeking an exception to travel on a closed road must make formal application (Form SOA IS 020 Application for Exception to Travel on a Closed Road) to the Shire prior to undertaking any journeys on any closed road.

Where appropriate, the Shire may grant exceptions to pastoralists, Aboriginal Communities and Mining Enterprises on an as needs basis. The exception must be of an urgent nature and shall not be considered for the purposes of convenience to the applicant.

**All applications shall be submitted to the Shire for consideration, on a case-by-case basis**