

ROAD CLOSURE (TEMPORARY) – WET WEATHER

DIVISION	BUSINESS UNIT	RESPONSIBILITY AREA
Works and Services	Regulatory Services	Temporary Road Closures

OBJECTIVE

To provide guidelines for the closure of affected Shire roads due to inclement or persistent wet weather, to vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass of 4.5 tonnes or greater.

POLICY

1. Scope

Section 3.50(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 provides for a local government to close any road it manages, wholly or partially, for a period not exceeding four weeks.

The Road Traffic Code 2000 defines a heavy vehicle as a vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Mass of more than 4.5 tonnes.

2. Legislation

Local Government Act 1995

Road Traffic Code 2000

3. Application of Policy

3.1 If, in the opinion of the Manager Works and Services, there is a risk of damage to Shire road infrastructure due to inclement or persistent wet weather, the Chief Executive Officer may close roads for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass of 4.5 tonnes or greater.

3.2 The Chief Executive Officer may exempt certain vehicles that require access, which may include:

- a) Local traffic that is proceeding to a place of garaging;
- b) Other vehicles that require access on the road, such as school buses or emergency services vehicles; and
- c) Access relating to perishable goods or animal welfare.

3.3 In the event of a temporary road closure, an information bulletin will be provided to affected parties via text message and/or email. Information will also be communicated via local radio and on the Shire of Plantagenet website.

3.4 This policy does not apply during flood or emergency situations where roads may be closed to all vehicles for public safety or other reasons.

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