

Council

**POLICY REVIEW – ROAD CLOSURE
(TEMPORARY) WET WEATHER**

Amended Policy

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POLICY NO: RS/TRC/1

FORMER POLICY NO:

ROAD CLOSURE - (TEMPORARY) - WET WEATHER

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

OBJECTIVE

To provide guidelines for the temporary closure of ~~affected~~ Shire roads for a period of up to four weeks. ~~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 Executive Manager Works and Services, there is a risk to public safety or risk of damage to Shire road infrastructure ~~due to inclement or persistent wet weather~~, the Chief Executive Officer may close roads for to 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; or
- d) Vehicles not exceeding a Gross Vehicle Mass of 4.5 tonnes or greater.

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~~ through local radio, social media 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.~~

ADOPTED: ~~3 FEBRUARY 2015~~

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