

POLICY TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – WET CONDITIONS POLICY

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This policy provides for the temporary closure of council roads during wet conditions

2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this policy is to:-
- a) Ensure the safety of the travelling public
 - b) Prevent roads being damaged by vehicles
 - c) To provide guidelines and increase public awareness

3.0 SCOPE

3.1 This Policy applies to all users of council maintained roads.

4.0 POLICY STATEMENT

4.1 Responsibilities

All Council staff who deal with the closure of roads due to wet conditions are responsible for implementing this policy. All notifications of road closures will be appropriately recorded by council Staff.

4.2 Application

This policy applies to the investigation, closure and re-opening of affected roads during wet conditions.

4.3 Closure / Opening Criteria

As per Table 1 Appended.

4.4 Council-Community Road Care Program


It is acknowledged that community support is an essential component for the effective application of this Policy so that road users can gain maximum benefit.

5.0 Delegation

5.1 The General Manager is authorised, pursuant to Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, to allow a matter that does not conform with a policy to proceed if the General Manager is of the opinion that the variation from the Policy is of a minor nature.

6.0 References

6.1 Roads Act 1993 – Section 115

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7.0 Dispute Procedure


7.1 In the event of a dispute over any aspect of this policy, immediate action will be taken to resolve the situation through effective and construction consultation between the parties concerned. If a resolution cannot be reached, the services of a mediator will be requested to finalise the matter to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

8.0 Attachments

8.1 Table 1 – Wet Conditions Road Closure Criteria.

9.0 Review

9.1 This policy is to be reviewed on an annual basis from the date of its original adoption by Council.

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Table 1

Wet Conditions Road Closure / Opening Criteria

Road Type	Allowable Vehicle Mass	Road Closure Criteria	Road Opening Criteria	Exemptions
Unsealed Road	0 tonnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 20 mm rainfall within 24 hour period; or ➤ Saturated road pavement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No significant rainfall in last 24 hours; and Minimal table drain water ponding within two (2) metres of the road shoulder ¹ or ➤ < 3 tonne GVM with <u>caution</u> if crusted and <1mm rainfall per day. 	Emergency Vehicles with <u>extreme caution</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Deep water ² over road; or ➤ Saturated road pavement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No deep water ² over road; and ➤ Minimal table drain water ponding within two (2) metres of the road shoulder ¹ 	Emergency Vehicles with <u>extreme caution</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Deep water ² over road; or ➤ Saturated road pavement; or ➤ Saturated shoulders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No deep water ² over road; and ➤ Minimal table drain water ponding within two (2) metres of the road shoulder ¹ 	Emergency Vehicles with <u>extreme caution</u>
Sealed Road	0 tonnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Deep water ² over road; or ➤ Saturated road pavement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No deep water over road; and ➤ Minimal table drain water ponding within two (2) metres of the road shoulder ¹ 	Emergency Vehicles with <u>extreme caution</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Deep water ² over road; or ➤ Saturated road pavement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ < 3 tonne GVM with <u>caution</u> if road shoulders only are saturated. 	Emergency Vehicles with <u>extreme caution</u>

Notes:

1. This would typically be judged on the likelihood of ponded water causing road pavement failure that would require repairs prior to re-opening.
2. Deep water is defined at nominally 0.3 metres of water over road.

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