

Wet Weather Road Closure Policy

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Responsible Officer:	Director Engineering Services

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure safety to all road users and to mitigate damage to road infrastructures, in particular unsealed roads.

Commencement of Policy

This Policy will commence on adoption by Council. It replaces all other policies (whether written or not).

Application

This policy applies to

- (a) Any vehicles
- (b) When unsealed roads receive rainfall of 10 mm or more
- (c) Local traffic (For example: where a residence is situated on a road which have been closed) shall be exempt from this policy regardless of the weight requirements provided that any vehicle exceeding 4.5 tonne is unloaded.
- (d) The Director of Engineering Services or his delegate may exempt other certain vehicles that require access (for example school buses).
- (e) Affected agencies shall include but are not limited to:
- (g) Heavy Haulage carriers; mail contractors, emergency services.

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

Policy

If there is a risk of damage to Council road infrastructure and/or to public safety due to inclement or persistent wet weather the Council shall exercise its right under the Local Government Act to close affected roads.

(1) The Director Engineering Services is delegated the power to:

- (a) Close roads; and
- (b) Define and impose conditions for road use.

(2) Condition of delegated power:

- (a) Installing "Road Closed" signs where possible;
- (b) Providing an information bulletin to affected agencies, distributed via email, local radio and by posting on the Murweh Shire Council website, social media and community messaging.
- (c) Install "fine applies up to 200 penalty units" signs

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Audit and Review

This policy shall be reviewed every three years or as required due to changes to in legislation.

Definitions

“Unsealed roads “means is a made road but is not sealed.

References

- Local Government Act 2009, Section 69 and 70

Version Control

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1.0	dd/mm/yyyy	[officer name]	[brief description]
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Approval

Chief Executive Officer			
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