

## POL 0072: Permanent Road Closures

### Purpose

To allow the Shire to consider applications from adjacent landowners to have a road reserve closed.

### Scope

Document details points for consideration upon receipt of a request from an adjacent landowner for the permanent closure of a road reserve. Policy affects property owners with lots adjacent to road reserves who wish to have said road reserve closed permanently as well as Shire staff required to assess these requests.

### Definitions

N/A

### Practice

The Shire will consider, on representation from adjacent landowners, to approach the relevant authorities to have a road reserve closed.

Processing of such an application will be considered on the following basis -

1. That the closure is consistent with the Shire of Esperance Functional Road Hierarchy.
2. That the road reserve is not required for reasons of planning, particularly in relation to future land development and access.
3. That road reserves containing native vegetation should be retained to preserve the existing flora and fauna within the reserve.
4. That the road reserve has potential for future native vegetation offsets/land swaps in pursuit of natural resources.

That if a road is closed the land within the reserve may be annexed to adjacent holdings.

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### Document Information

Responsible Position	Manager Asset Development
Risk Rating	Low

### Referencing Documents

- *Local Government Act 1995*

## Revision History

Date	Version	CM Reference	Reason for Change	Resolution #	Next Review
Oct 2004	1		New policy.	O1004-0967	Oct 2006
Sept 2007	2	D12/57			Sept 2009
Feb 2016	3	D16/28966	Change 'Council' to 'the Shire'. Additional bullet point regarding native vegetation offsets/land swaps.	O0216-042	Feb 2018
Aug 2018	4	D16/28966[v2]	No change.	O0818-091	Aug 2020
Dec 2019	5	D16/28966[v3]	Minor amendments to wording and removal of some wording in points 1 and 3.	O1219-268	Dec 2021
Mar 2022	6	D16/28966[v4]	No change.	O0322-062	Mar 2024
Mar 2024	7	D16/28966[v5]	Added scope.	O0324-023	Mar 2026