

## **7.10. APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE OF PART OF MOWBRAY RIVER ROAD, MOWBRAY**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- 1. Supports an application by the lessee of 353 Mowbray River Road, Mowbray, formally described as Lot 3 SP229627, for the permanent closure of part of the road adjoining the western boundary of the identified lot. This area of permanently closed road is to be incorporated into the applicant's existing leasehold land.**
- 2. Advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development that Council, as the road manager, supports the application for permanent road closure, by completion of Form LA30: Statement in relation to an application under the Land Act 1994 over State land.**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has received a request from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (the Department) to review an application for permanent road closure. Council as the relevant local authority is the road manager for local roads under its control.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS / RESOLUTIONS**

Not applicable.

### **REPORT/BACKGROUND**

Lot 3 SP229627 (Lot 3) is State land that is the subject of a term lease held by the Queensland Fire Department, granted for a community purpose, more specifically, provision of the Mowbray Rural Fire Brigade (MRFB). The term lease commenced 22 February 2010 and expires 21 February 2030.

The Queensland Fire Department seeks to expand the footprint of the term lease area to enable expansion of the MRFB.

Lot 3 is bounded by road corridor on its eastern, western, and southern boundaries. The indicative area for the proposed permanent road closure adjoins the western boundary of Lot 3. It is unformed road and contains no Council infrastructure and when closed it will not impinge nor obstruct access to any surrounding properties.

It is reasonably assumed that if the application for permanent road closure is ultimately approved by the Department, a new term lease will, in due course, be granted (by the State) over a reconfigured Lot 3.

## **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil financial or resource implications to Council.

All costs associated with the application and subsequent processes related thereto shall be met by the applicant.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

MRFB is one of 1400 rural fire brigades in Queensland whose volunteer members provide services in their local area including firefighting landscape fires, hazard prevention and mitigation, issuing permits and fire warden activities, community education and engagement, conducting hazard reduction burns, and disaster management response and recovery.

An expanded footprint of the term lease area will enhance the capability of the MRFB.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

## **SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

## **CORPORATE AND OPERATIONAL PLAN**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### **Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Initiatives:**

#### **Theme 2 - Prosperity**

Council plans, builds and maintains the infrastructure required to improve our lifestyle and promote economic growth, working actively to support local businesses.

*2.7 - Build strong local, State and Federal relations.*

### **Operational Plan 2025-2026 Actions:**

Legislative requirement.

## **LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

*Land Act 1994*

*Local Government Act 2009*

## **CONSULTATION**

Internal consultation with Environment and Planning Section, Infrastructure and Recovery Section, Infrastructure Planning and Delivery Section, and Water and Wastewater Section.

The appropriate public notice will be advertised for four (4) weeks in accordance with s100 of the *Land Act 1994*. Public (laminated) notices will be placed at both ends of the proposed permanent road closure area and the road closure application will be advertised on the Queensland Government website for the public to submit comments.

## **CONCLUSION**

The proposed permanent closure of part of Mowbray River Road for the intended purpose of expanding the MRFB is not controversial. No concerns were raised through the internal consultation process, and it is recommended that Council supports the application for permanent road closure.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Indicative area for permanent road closure [7.10.1 - 1 page]

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SP331786

23  
SP227933

INDICATIVE AREA FOR PERMANENT  
ROAD CLOSURE (exact area to be  
determined by survey)

MOWBRAY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



1,466.55 m<sup>2</sup>

3  
SP229627

Mowbray River Road

99  
SR125

4  
RP836112

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RP836112

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SP121802

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