

## Wet Weather Road Closure Policy

### 1. Policy Statements

- (1) If there is a risk of damage to City road infrastructure and/or to public safety due to inclement or persistent wet weather the City shall exercise its right under the Local Government Act to close affected roads.
- (2) The Executive Director Works & Services is delegated the power to:
  - (a) Close Roads; and
  - (b) Define and impose conditions for road use.
- (3) 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 City of Albany website.

### 2. Objective

Ensure safety to all road users and to mitigate damage to road infrastructure, in particular unsealed roads.

### 3. Scope

- (1) This policy applies to:
  - (a) vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass of 4.5 tonne or greater;
  - (b) vehicles which travel over road under the care and control of the City of Albany.
- (2) Local traffic (For example: where a residence is situated on a roads 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.
- (3) The delegated officer may exempt other certain vehicles that require access (for example school buses).
- (4) Affected agencies shall include but are not limited to:
  - (a) Heavy Haulage carriers;
  - (b) Main Road Western Australia;
  - (c) Neighbouring Local Authorities;
  - (d) Department of Transport;
  - (e) Local residents; and
  - (f) Bus companies, Public Transport Authority.
- (5) This policy does not apply during flood or emergency situations where roads may be closed to all vehicles for public safety or other reasons.
- (6) This policy may apply to singular, multiple or all roads.

#### 4. Review

This policy and procedure is to be reviewed by the document owner every two years.

#### 5. Legislation Relating to this Policy

- *Local Government Act 1995, s3.50.*
- Under s3.50 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the local authority is permitted to close an unsealed road to particular traffic in wet conditions. This is done to prevent unreasonable damage to roads due to excessive vehicle movements.
- *Road Traffic Act 1974, s84*
- *City of Albany Activities on Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2011*

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