

Road Closure for Motor Sport Events Policy

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Objective(s)

To outline Council's stance on the use of district roads for motor sport events.

Definitions

Motor Sport Event - means an event in which participants' race motor propelled vehicles.

Policy Statements

I. Special Considerations for Motor Sport Events

- i. In assessing applications for closures of roads for Motor Sport Events, Council will consider the following:
- ii. The potential impact on the roading network in the vicinity of the proposed closure, the affect on any proposed roading capital and maintenance works in the area and the risk to Council of damage occurring to the affected road(s).
- iii. The availability of alternative routes for motorists. Council may not approve a temporary road(s) closure if such closure is likely to unreasonably impede traffic.
- iv. The potential impact on adjoining landowners.
- v. Timeframes around local farming activities eg. lambing, calving, duck shooting etc
- vi. The frequency of use of any road(s) used for car rallies or hill climbs and/or access to the car rallies or hill climb, will generally not be allowed to exceed 1 per calendar year on unsealed roads and 2 per calendar year on sealed roads.

More frequent use of roads for motor sport events will be dependent on the suitability of the road for that purpose and the size and nature of the event. Consideration may be given to additional events for local clubs should out-of-District organisations exhaust the above allocations.

Where use of a road for a Motor Sport Event has exceeded the thresholds noted above, Council may, on application, consider allowing a further event on the road, and subject to the outcome of public consultation.

- vii. The maximum period of closure of any road for car rallies or hill climbs shall generally be **6 hours**. However, longer closures may be permitted in special circumstances.
- viii. World Rally of New Zealand and Targa NZ have first right to use the roads listed in Appendix A.

2. Motor Sport Events Additional Conditions

Motorsport event organisers operating a Temporary Road Closure on a road controlled by the Council are required to be an affiliated member of Motorsport New Zealand for that event.

Exemptions: The General Manager Roading & Projects may, upon receiving written application from the event organiser grant an exemption/waiver from the requirement to be affiliated to MSNZ where the event organiser can demonstrate they are current members of a motorsport body of similar standing to Motorsport New Zealand, and have appropriate procedures, experience and resources to run an event,

Road closures will only be permitted where the road closure can be carried out in such a manner as to minimise inconvenience to other road users and adjoining property owners.

Road closures will be permitted only on roads where alternative routes exist for through traffic.

Road closures on unsealed roads will only be permitted within the period of 1 October to 30 June of each year inclusive, except for significant rallies where an exception has been sought and approved by Roading & Transportation Committee.

The Applicant must provide a bond with the application for road closure as per Council's Fees and Charges Manual

Prior to Council advertising the proposed road closure the applicant will give written notification to the adjoining residents and property owners and other affected parties of the proposed road closure so as to minimise allow them the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed road closure.

In the event of damage being caused to any fence or other private or public property, temporary repairs to fences and property, The event organiser will identify the property owner/occupier within 48 hours and work with them to carry out the repairs.

All repairs shall be to the satisfaction of the affected property owner.

The approved applicant is required to contact Council's Road Opening Coordinator not less than 15 working days prior to the event to arrange inspections of the affected road(s).

Inspections will be undertaken before and after the event to identify any damage caused to the road due to the event. The applicant is responsible for all costs of repairing any damage identified.

Once damage has been repaired and actual costs recovered from the applicant the bond will then be released.

Failure to arrange the undertaking of these inspections may result in future applications being declined.

3. Days of the year when motor sport events cannot be held on WDC Roads

- (a) Good Friday and Easter Sunday
- (b) Anzac Day
- (c) First Saturday in May (duck shooting opening)
- (d) 1 July – 30 September (Calving & Lambing)
- (e) Christmas Day

4. Right of Appeal

In the event that, as a result of public submission, or non-compliance with the requirements of this policy, an application for a road closure for a Motor Sport Event is

declined, the applicant may, within 10 days of receiving written notice from Council, appeal in writing for a review of this refusal.

This appeal shall be presented to the Roding and Transport Committee for consideration, or if insufficient time is available for the next Roding and Transport Committee meeting, the appeal shall be decided by a sub-committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Roding and Transport Committee chairperson, Chief Executive and General Manager Roding & Projects.

The decision of the Roding and Transport Committee or the above sub-committee shall be binding.

5. Temporary Road Closure Applications

Clubs wishing to apply for a temporary road closure for a motor sport event shall refer to Council's brochure on Events on Council Roads and complete the Application for Temporary Road Closure form.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed as deemed appropriate by the General Manager Service Delivery, or at least once every three years.

Appendix A

The following roads have first right of use by World Rally of New Zealand and Targa NZ:

World Rally of New Zealand

Baker Road
Dixon Road
Klondyke Road
Mangiti Road
Matakitaki Road
Matira Road
O'Brien Road
Ponganui Road
Port Waikato - Waikaretu Road
Richardson Road
Ruakiwi Road
Te Akau Coast Road
Te Akau South Road
Te Hutewai Road
Tuturimu Road
Waikaretu - Wairamarama Road
Waikorea Valley Road
Waimai Valley Road
Waimaori Road
Wairamarama Road

Whaanga Road
Woodleigh Road

Targa New Zealand

Ararimu Road
Back Miranda Road
Bedford Road
Blackett Road
Coalfields Road
Codlin Road
Collie Road
Findlay Road
Forestry Road
Hetherington Road
Highway 22 (Logan Road to Glen Murray Road)
Holmes Road
Honey Road
Hunt Road
Kaiaua Road
Kauri Road
Kellyville Road
Kohanga Road
Koheroa Road
Kopuku Road
Maioro Thomson Road
Monument Road
Onewhero – Tuakau Bridge Road
Perry Road
Rangiriri Glen Murray Road
Richards Road
Robertson Road
Rotangaro Road
Smith Road
Tahuroa Road
Waikare Road
Waikokowai Road
Wairamarama Onewhero Road
Waiterimu Road
Whiriwhiri Road
Woolrich Road