

Item: LATE ITEM - Provision of Road Network - Masen Road

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Executive Summary

Masen Road, Palen Creek, is included in Council's road register for a length of 109 metres. A request has been received to maintain a section of track located on easements that provide access to properties with impractical road access.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not Applicable.

REPORT

Masen Road, Palen Creek, is on Council's current road asset register for a total length of 109 metres from its intersection with Barney View Road. The road continues along road reserve for about approximately 132 metres which then deviates towards South East to the easement, defined for access purposes.

At present Council maintains an access easement at the end of Masen Road through Lot 6 on SP135730. The easement is to provide access to the properties to the east that would otherwise be landlocked (Lot 7 on RP803937). Maintenance of the access appears to be a legacy issue, with Council undertaking maintenance on this access historically. At present Council does not have rights to access the easement for maintenance works therefore generating an insurance and reputational risk for Council.

It is proposed that the first 109 metres of Masen Road remains as 5d, rural access, in Council's asset register. Furthermore that Council ceases maintenance works on the 856 metres of access easement. In accordance with the easement documentation; the Grantor grants the Grantees to use the easements for access purposes, provided the Grantees maintain the easement.

Strategic Implications

Community Plan

Theme: Accessible and Serviced Region
Outcome: A well-maintained road network that meets community needs
Priority: Maintaining and upgrading the existing State and local road network

Corporate Plan / Operational Plan

Accessible and Serviced Region - Strategy 2
Promote a sustainable infrastructure network which provides adequate accessibility across the region.

Budget Implications

Nil

*Legal / Statutory Implications**Local Government Regulations 2012**Risks***Strategic Risks**

The following Level 1 and Level 2 (strategic) risks are relevant to the matters considered in this report:

- IA4 - Transport network not maintained to an acceptable standard causing economic impacts or injury / death to public
- IA5 - Making poor strategic decisions on the creation, acquisition or upgrade of assets

Risk Assessment

| Category | Consequence | Likelihood | Inherent Risk Rating | Treatment of risks | Residual Risk Rating |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Infrastructure & Assets Short term to medium term loss of key assets and infrastructure | Moderate | Likely | High | Core Asset Management Plans; Road Strategy; Road Maintenance Management System developed and implemented; Review of pre-determined service standards; monitor and inspect road network and prioritise repairs to suit limited funds | Medium |

Conclusion

Masen Road is classified as a 5d rural access road, in Council's road register, for a length of 109 metres. Council has historically maintained, a further 865 metres along an access easement through private property. Council does not have rights to access the easement for maintenance works therefore it is proposed that Council ceases maintenance works on the 856 metres of access easement.

Consultation

Councillors
Executive Team
Works Engineer

Acting Director's Recommendation**That:**

1. Council continue to maintain Masen Road for a length of the 109 metres from its intersection with Barney View Road, in accordance with Council's Provision of Road Network Policy, comprising of a 5d rural access standard; and
2. Council acknowledge the existence of access easements servicing Lot 8 SP 135730 and Lot 7 RP 803937, which are to be maintained by the grantees in accordance with the applicable registered easement documents.

Attachments

1. Locality Plan.

Attachment 1 - Locality Plan

