

ITEM 5.2	MAYORAL MINUTE NO 5/2013 - CLOSURE OF COUNCIL UNMADE ROAD RESERVE - SOUTH CREEK ROAD
TRIM FILE REF	2013/083427
ATTACHMENTS	1 Unmade Road Reserve - South Creek Road

BACKGROUND

An unmade section of the South Creek Road reserve stretches 570m between James Wheeler Place and Jamieson Park, running between the South Creek Reserve adjacent Narrabeen Lagoon and the RSL LifeCare retirement village. The unmade road reserve is covered in bushland consisting of an endangered ecological community and is used for pedestrian and bike access around Narrabeen Lagoon.

Council resolved to apply to the Department of Lands (DOL) to close the unmade section of South Creek Road on 13 May 2003 and submitted an application to DOL in June 2003. On 23 October 2003, the solicitor for RSL LifeCare lodged an objection to the proposed road closure with DOL.

Due to related issues regarding the ongoing development of the RSL LifeCare site, the determination by the DOL was delayed until 20 August 2007 when they confirmed that Council's application had been refused due to the objection by RSL LifeCare.

The Department of Trade and Investment (formerly DOL) have recently advised Council that as RSL LifeCare have use of other Council road frontages that any similar objection to a new road closure application may not necessarily result in refusal.

I've been advised that this proposal can be carried out within the current operational budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That staff investigate the feasibility and benefit of closing the South Creek Road unmade road reserve (DP151292) and advise Council of the outcome.



**Michael Regan
MAYOR**