

Information Sheet – Proposed Closure of Portion of Brown Street Queanbeyan.

It is proposed that the cross hatched section of Brown Street, Queanbeyan shown hereunder be closed.



The following are general questions that may be asked by residents and an informative response provided.

Is it legal for the Council to close a road?	<i>Yes, the Council can use its powers under Section under Part 4, Division 3 of the Roads Act 1993 to close a road. All the requirements of the Act must be met prior to the road being closed.</i>
Who initiated the proposal to close the road?	<i>The Council was approached by the Queanbeyan Golf Club to close the road to enable it to be incorporated as part of the Golf Course. The Council have supported the proposal in principle subject to completion of the procedures required by the Roads Act 1993.</i>

What are the grounds that support the closure of the road?	<i>The grounds that support the closure of the road include:</i> <i>the road is not reasonably required as a road for public use.</i> <i>the road is not required to provide continuity of the existing road network.</i> <i>other public roads exist that provide practical vehicular access to properties that may have previously used Brown Street namely Booth Street, Atkinson St, Carwoola Street and Dodsworth Avenue.</i>
Has the Council previously considered this proposal?	<i>Yes, the proposal has been considered on three separate occasions previously, the last time being in 2006.</i> <i>The Council is of the view that circumstances have changed since the matter was last considered. Namely, there have been changes to the road network and traffic movement in the area and alternative access to Dodsworth Street is now available. Also it is noted that limited use is made of Brown St.</i> <i>In addition, recently the Queanbeyan Golf Club successfully hosted the NSW Women's Golf Open and is seeking to attract other major events to the Course. Removal of this thoroughfare will be beneficial to the operation of the Golf Course.</i>
What will happen to the land once the road is closed?	<i>The land comprising the former road will remain in the ownership of the Council.</i> <i>The Golf Course adjacent to Brown St is Crown Land managed by the Council and licenced to the Queanbeyan Golf Club. It is proposed that a similar arrangement be put in place.</i>
Who can make a submission regarding the proposed closure?	<i>Any person can make a submission in respect of the proposal.</i> <i>The submission can either support or oppose the proposal or can suggest an alternative.</i>
Will other public authorities be involved in the road closure process?	<i>Yes, the Council is required to contact public authorities that may have an interest in the road closure proposal and seek their views.</i>

If I make a submission will it be considered by the Council	Once the submission period is complete a report on the responses received including from public authorities will be prepared and further considered by the Council. At the time, the Council will either confirm the continuance of the Road Closure process or resolve not to continue it.
When must submissions be provided to the Council?	Submissions must be received by close of business on Tuesday 10th September 2019
How can submissions be submitted to the Council?	Submissions can be submitted either by Post to: Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 Or by Email: council@qprc.nsw.gov.au
What are my options if I am unhappy with the Council decision?	If you are unhappy with the Council decision to progress the road closure after it has considered submissions an appeal can be lodged with the NSW Land and Environment Court against the decision. An appeal can only be lodged by: • an owner of land adjoining the road • a public authority.