

PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAY CLOSURES POLICY



Responsible Division	Planning and Development Services
Responsible Business Unit/s	Planning Services
Responsible Officer	Planning Manager
Affected Business Unit/s	Planning Services

PURPOSE:

To outline matters to be taken into consideration when assessing proposals for the closure of Pedestrian Access Ways (PAW).

POLICY STATEMENT:

Requests to close pedestrian access ways (PAW) are often made on the grounds of security, safety and amenity. However, these PAWs were created to provide improved pedestrian access to services and facilities within a neighbourhood. In considering closure requests, a balance needs to be found between pedestrian access and concerns regarding residents' amenity and security.

The process for considering and implementing PAW closure requests is governed by the requirements and procedures of the Western Australian Planning Commission and the Department for Land Administration. This policy has regard to these requirements.

1. All applications for the closure of a Pedestrian Access Way (PAW) shall include information provided by the applicant(s) addressing the following matters:
 - a) The impact of the PAW on the adjoining landowners security and amenity;
 - b) The physical state of the PAW;
 - c) Access links that the PAW provides to community facilities such as (but not limited to):
 - (i) Schools & Other Education Facilities
 - (ii) Shopping
 - (iii) Parks & Recreation
 - (iv) Community Facilities
 - (v) Employment
 - (vi) Public Transport
 - (vii) Aged Persons & Disabled Facilities
 - d) Quality of alternative routes; and
 - e) Relationship to the surrounding pedestrian network.
2. Prior to submitting the application to Council for consideration to initiate the closure procedures, the following actions shall be undertaken:
 - a) Comments shall be sought from all adjoining landowners to determine the desirability of closure;
 - b) Comments shall be sought from all adjoining landowners to determine the capacity to dispose of the land should the closure be implemented; and
 - c) The proposed closure will be advertised for public comment, including:
 - (i) Placement of an advertisement in local newspaper(s);
 - (ii) Placement of signs at either end of the PAW;
 - (iii) Notification of affected servicing agencies; and

- (iv) Notification of surrounding residents.
- 3. Prior to the commencement of advertising for a PAW closure, the applicant shall pay the relevant advertising fee, as adopted in the annual schedule of fees.
- 4. The inability to appropriately dispose of the resultant PAW land to the adjoining owners, due to either the reasons that they object to the closure, or are unwilling to purchase the land, will preclude the closure of the PAW.
- 5. Should Council resolve not to proceed with the closure of a PAW, further requests to close the PAW will not be considered within 12 months of the resolution date.
- 6. All requests to reconsider a PAW closure at the expiration of this 12 month period shall be referred to Council for consideration prior to undertaking any notification or advertising procedures.

DEFINITIONS:

Nil

RELATED LEGISLATION:

Section 9.59 of the Local Government Act 1995

RELATED DOCUMENTATION:

Nil

Relevant Delegations		
Risk Evaluation		
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