
REPORT 1
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PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES – 31 OCTOBER 2009

1. Purpose of Report

To seek the approval of the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee, as per the approved process, for the temporary closure of roads in the Wellington District.

2. Executive Summary

The Wellington City Council has received an application from an event organiser for approval to hold an event involving temporary road closures. Details of the event and the expected impact on traffic are attached to this report as an appendix.

- 2009 Targa Rally – Saturday 31 October 2009 (**Appendix 1**)

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Subcommittee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to close the following roads for the event as shown, subject to the conditions listed in the Proposed Temporary Road Closure Impact Report:*

2009 Targa Rally

- **Shelly Bay Road**, from its intersection with Miramar Ave to Massey Road – from 8am to 11am and 3:15 to 7:45pm on Saturday 31 October 2009.
 - **Massey Road**, from Shelly Bay Road to Scorching Bay Domain – from 8am to 11am and 3:15 to 7:45pm on Saturday 31 October 2009.
3. *Conditionally agree to the proposed closures of the following roads for the event as shown, subject to the event organiser providing by 1 September 2009 reasonable access provisions in their traffic management plans for the affected objector.*

A modified plan that addresses these access needs, to the satisfaction of the Council's Traffic Engineer, is to be submitted to the subcommittee on 10 September 2009 before approval for the closures becomes unconditional.

2009 Targa Rally

- **Takarau Gorge Road**, from its intersection with Ohariu Valley and Rifle Range Roads, to its intersection with Makara Road – from 2:15pm to 6:45pm on Saturday 31 October 2009. Includes intersection(s) with Makara Road (no exit).
- **Makara Road**, from Takarau Gorge Road, to finish at the gateway at Makara peak Mountain Bike Park (810m before Kihouri Avenue) – from 2:15pm to 6:45pm on Saturday 31 October 2009. Includes intersection with South Makara Road (no exit). **Note:** There is a proposed safety buffer zone to include 100 metres of each adjoining road, from where it intersects with the road being applied for.

4. Background

The Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee, at its meeting on Thursday 28 June 2007, approved a process for the Council to follow to comply with the Local Government Act 1974 (Schedule 10) provisions for temporary road closures for events.

Processes have been established to implement these procedures, including the required communications and consultation prior to any approval of a closure.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the approved procedures.

5. Discussion

5.1 Proposal Notice and Consultation

Affected stakeholders were notified that the Council was going to consider the proposed temporary road closures through an advert in the Dominion Post. The New Zealand Police and the Ministry of Transport have also been consulted with. Any correspondence received in response to the proposed closures has been included in the attached report. The traffic management plan for the event will show how any objections raised will be managed.

5.2 Alignment with Council Strategies and Policies

The City Events Team has assessed the proposed event with regard to its contribution towards the Council's strategies and policies. The proposed event will contribute to the economic success of the city.

5.3 Traffic Impact Assessment

The Manager, Transport Network, acting as the Council's Traffic Engineer, has assessed the proposed closures with regard to expected impact on traffic. The Traffic Engineer has provided a professional opinion as to whether the resulting impact on traffic is likely to be reasonable or unreasonable. The proposed closures, if implemented according to the proposed traffic management plan and in accordance with any specific conditions set by the Traffic Engineer, should not result in unreasonable impact on traffic. If, in the opinion of the Council, the closure may or does impede traffic unreasonably, any approval granted by the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee may be revoked and the event organiser may be required to open the road at the direction of the Council Traffic Engineer.

6. Conclusion

Approval is required from the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee to allow for the temporary closure of roads in the Wellington District for events supported by the Wellington City Council. This will ensure that the Wellington City Council is complying with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1974 for the temporary closure of roads within its jurisdiction.

Contact Officer: Gail Reeves, *Street Activities Coordinator*

Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

Temporary road closures for events contribute to the council's desire to be the events capital of New Zealand. Specific council strategies that are supported by this include:

- More liveable – through prudent management of the road network.
- More eventful – some events may not be possible without temporary road closures.
- More actively engaged – affected stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed closures.
- Better connected – through better management of traffic flows. Conversely road closures could sever key transport routes.
- More prosperous – the film industry relies on road closures, and other types of events increase commercial activity.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Administration of the proposed closures is budgeted for under Annual Plan Project C481 Network Activity Coordination. There will be no long term financial impact to the Council resulting from these closures.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

No significant Treaty implications.

4) Decision-Making

This is not considered to be a significant decision.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Key event organisers and other stakeholders (such as public transport and emergency services) have been consulted with to determine whether they would be impacted by the proposed closures, and where appropriate any traffic management plans have been modified accordingly.

b) Consultation with Maori

No specific consultation with Maori was carried out.

6) Legal Implications

The process used to consider the proposed closures for approval is in accordance with the advice provided by the council's lawyers, Phillips Fox.

7) Consistency with existing policy

The plans for the proposed closures and this report have been prepared in accordance with the process approved by the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee on 28 June 2007.

**PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
IMPACT REPORT:**

TARGA RALLY – SHELLY BAY AND MAKARA STAGES

1. Description of Event

Club Targa Inc has applied to run 3 stages of the Dunlop Targa New Zealand 2009 Motoring Event on Wellington City Council roads. The date of the event is Saturday 31 October 2009, there is a stage proposed in the Makara area and there are two stages in the Shelly Bay area (please refer to attached maps). Club Targa has successfully held rally stages in Wellington for several years up until 2004 and they also received permission last year (2008) – the Shelly Bay stage being cancelled because of bad weather. The event takes the form of a timed trial, with cars leaving at 30 second intervals. Only tarmac roads are used, with all competing vehicles covered by a current Warrant of Fitness, Registration and have road legal tyres.

The closed roads will be blocked and marshalled to prevent traffic straying onto the route. All closed roads will be cleared for safety purposes by official safety cars and re-opened after the last competing car has proceeded through. Other safety considerations to be taken include communication systems on course with Police, Central Communications and the start/finish points and two medic/emergency type vehicles on standby at all times with trained medical personnel. Prior to and after each stage of the rally, an inspection of the roads affected will be carried out. The event is insured by MotorSport New Zealand's Public Liability Insurance cover.

For each location the organisers plan to send reminder letters 14 days before the event detailing emergency procedures and a 0800 number to call in an emergency situation. Information signage will be erected 7 days before the event at the beginning of each closure and at major intersections. Local schools and community groups have been given the opportunity to run fund-raising activities around the event.

2. City Events Support

As part of a nationally significant event, it is supported by the City Events Team. The Rally has an overnight stop in Wellington that brings economic benefit to local businesses.

Wellington City Council is a keen supporter, funder and manager of events that attract attention and bring people to the city. Major events are a core part of the

economic development of the city and the Targa Rally presents another opportunity to attract many participants from out of the Wellington region to the city for an average stay of two nights. As with previous rallies participants and their supporters are expected to add new spend to the local economy on services such as commercial accommodation, retail and food and beverage.

As a sporting spectacle the Targa Rally offers Wellington residents a unique opportunity to view a motorsport event of high quality. The timing of the event in October is also an important factor for the City Events Team in terms of providing support. The development of a year round calendar of major events is a key focus for the City Events Team and this event helps to promote the city as a location of diverse major event activity.

3. Proposal Notice and Consultation

The public notice that the Council was proposing to consider these closures was published in the following newspaper:

- Dominion Post Saturday 4 July 2009.
- Consultation has been entered into by Club Targa with the local residents, businesses and communities in both areas. All affected properties have either been visited (door knocked) or have received information via a letter drop. This includes any off-roads that have no exit because of the proposed closures. If an off-road does have an entry and exit point, then there was a letter drop up to two km's of that road. The organisers of the Rally will communicate with all transport operators, dairy companies, rural delivery, utilities, schools, Police, Fire and Ambulance services.
- The organisers have also presented to the Makara Community Board.

4. Objections

The Makara Board reports, as confirmed by the Chair Ruth Paul, that Targa Officials have been in the area approaching residents seeking their approval for the event. As a result the Board are aware of limited numbers of objectors to the rally. The Board will not make a submission on the rally but will leave it to local objectors to make their concerns known to WCC.

There is a written, formal objection to the Makara stage of the event from a resident of Makara Road (email details of objection attached to this report). Council Officers have encouraged the event organiser to contact and negotiate with the objector directly and this has taken place. The organiser is still working on measures to allow suitable access to the objector, but have not been able to suggest or organise access suitable to the objector at this point. The objector has been given the opportunity to present to the Subcommittee in person.

In addition, not all of the residents door knocked responded to the in person consultation. Although 38 of the 44 addresses visited while someone was home provided their support, the remaining 6 addresses were given the opportunity to respond in writing.

5. Traffic Impact Assessment

Prior Closures

None of the proposed closures for this event will result in a road being closed for an aggregate of more than 31 days in any year.

Traffic Impact

Shelly Bay Closures

- The small number of affected residents, business owners and stakeholders (6 in total) in the Shelly Bay/Massey Road area are well known to Council Officers and Event Organisers. Because of the traditional use of these roads for a number of city events, an effective working relationship and communication system has been built over time.
- Affected stakeholders have been contacted, advised and given the opportunity to object to the proposed closures. No objections have been received to the proposed closures.
- Other traffic travelling in and around the Shelly Bay/Massey Road area have alternative routes around the closures and will not be adversely affected.

In the opinion of Soon Teck Kong, Manager Transport Network, acting as the Council's Traffic Engineer, the proposed closure, if implemented according to the plans provided, is not likely to impede traffic unreasonably. However, the Council reserves the right to modify this opinion at any time. If, in the opinion of the Council, the closure may or does impede traffic unreasonably, any approval granted by the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee may be revoked and the event organiser may be required to open the road at the direction of a suitably qualified Council officer in charge of traffic.

Makara Closures

- Residents have access rights to their private property under various legislation. For such public access to be blocked for an event, the event organiser would need to demonstrate how the access rights will be reasonably provided for by:
 - Providing alternative access - e.g. using an alternative route; or
 - Minimising the duration of the closure to a reasonable period or a longer period with regular opportunities for vehicles to get through; or
 - Providing marshalled access through the closure zone.
- In this case, as has been raised in the objection, the proposal will entirely cut off the Makara Community from the remainder of Wellington District for a continuous period of four and a half hours. The closure has the potential to impact on a total of 211 property units.
- Council Officers have worked closely with the organiser over a period of several weeks to stress the importance of meeting the reasonable needs of the one objector.
- Council Officers are required to support the objector's rights to access and require the event organiser to provide such reasonable access for these closures to be approved.

In the opinion of Soon Teck Kong, Manager Transport Network, acting as the Council's Traffic Engineer, the proposed closures, if implemented according to the plans provided, may result in unreasonable traffic impact and access difficulties for the residents along Makara Road, Takarau Gorge Road, South Makara Road and Estuary Street during the road closure. This proposal at this stage is adequate to be considered for approval, subject to providing reasonable access to the objector.

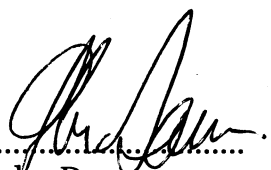
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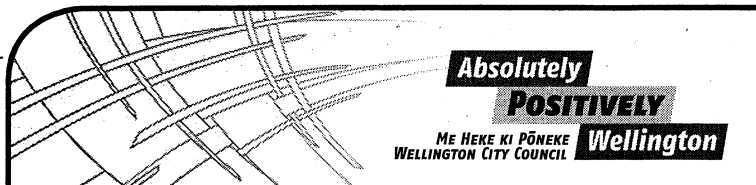
Signed: 
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Title: Manager Transport Network

ATTACHMENTS

- Copy of proposal notice from newspaper
- Copy of the written objection
- Photographic maps of the proposed closures

Prepared By: 
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Street Activities Coordinator

Endorsed By: 
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Manager, City Events



Proposed Road Closures

The Temporary Road Closure Subcommittee will meet at 9.15am on Thursday 13 August in the Te Mahanga Room (Committee Room One), Ground Floor Offices, 101 Wakefield Street, to consider the following proposed temporary road closures for the 2009 Dunlop Targa Rally motoring event:

Shelly Bay Stages, from 8-11am and 3.15-7.45pm on Saturday 31 October

- **Shelly Bay Road** – from its intersection with Miramar Avenue to Massey Road.
- **Massey Road** – from Shelly Bay Road to Scorching Bay Domain.

Makara Stage, from 2.15-6.45pm on Saturday 31 October

- **Takarau Gorge Road** – from its intersection with Ohariu Valley and Rifle Range Roads, up to and including its intersection with Makara Road.
- **Makara Road** – from Takarau Gorge Road to the gateway at Makara peak Mountain Bike Park (800m before Kihouri Avenue). Includes the intersection with South Makara Road (no exit).

Note: these closures will also include 100 metres of each adjoining road, from where it intersects with the road being applied for.

Any person objecting to these proposed road closures must contact the City Council in writing before 4pm Monday 20 July 2009. Please send correspondence to Gail Reeves at the mailing address below, by fax to 801 3009 or email gail.reeves@wcc.govt.nz

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This window of opportunity to obtain Plant & Food Research's authority to access and use these plant varieties is open now – all expressions of interest must be submitted by the close of business on Friday 31st July 2009.

Plant & Food Research will not commence any action against parties currently in unauthorised possession of any of the varieties prior to 31st July 2009. However, Plant & Food Research reserves its right to enforce its intellectual property rights in the varieties where unauthorised access or use of the varieties continues after the 31st July 2009.

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Wellington	Oceania Room, Te Papa, Wellington
Auckland	Princes Ballroom B and C, Hotel Hyatt Regency Auckland
Christchurch	Convention Centre, Hall C, Christchurch
Dunedin	Clifford Skeggs Gallery, Dunedin Civic Centre Dunedin
Queenstown	Icon Room, Heritage Hotel, Queenstown
Hamilton	Waikato Room, SkyCity Hamilton, Hamilton

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Gail Reeves

From: dmva@infogen.net.nz
Sent: Monday, 8 June 2009 5:43 p.m.
To: Gail Reeves
Subject: Targa Road closure proposal for Makara Road.

Hi Gail

I have been sent a copy of the notification from Targa to close Makara Road again this year (and next year) for a stage of the Targa Rally

For hundreds of Makara residents, Makara Road is the only way in and out of our homes, and closing the road means we can not leave or return to our homes for most of a Saturday. This interferes with kids sport, work, shopping, daily business, going to or from friends places and is an overall unnecessary nuisance.

As a resident effected by this proposed closure, I object to the closure, I suggest Targa try to identify another route that does not cut off hundreds of people from their homes, or keep them from leaving their homes for most of a Saturday. Please treat this as an objection in responce to any public notice you publish regarding the closure of Makara Road for the Targa rally.

Regards

David Wutzler
1072 Makara Road

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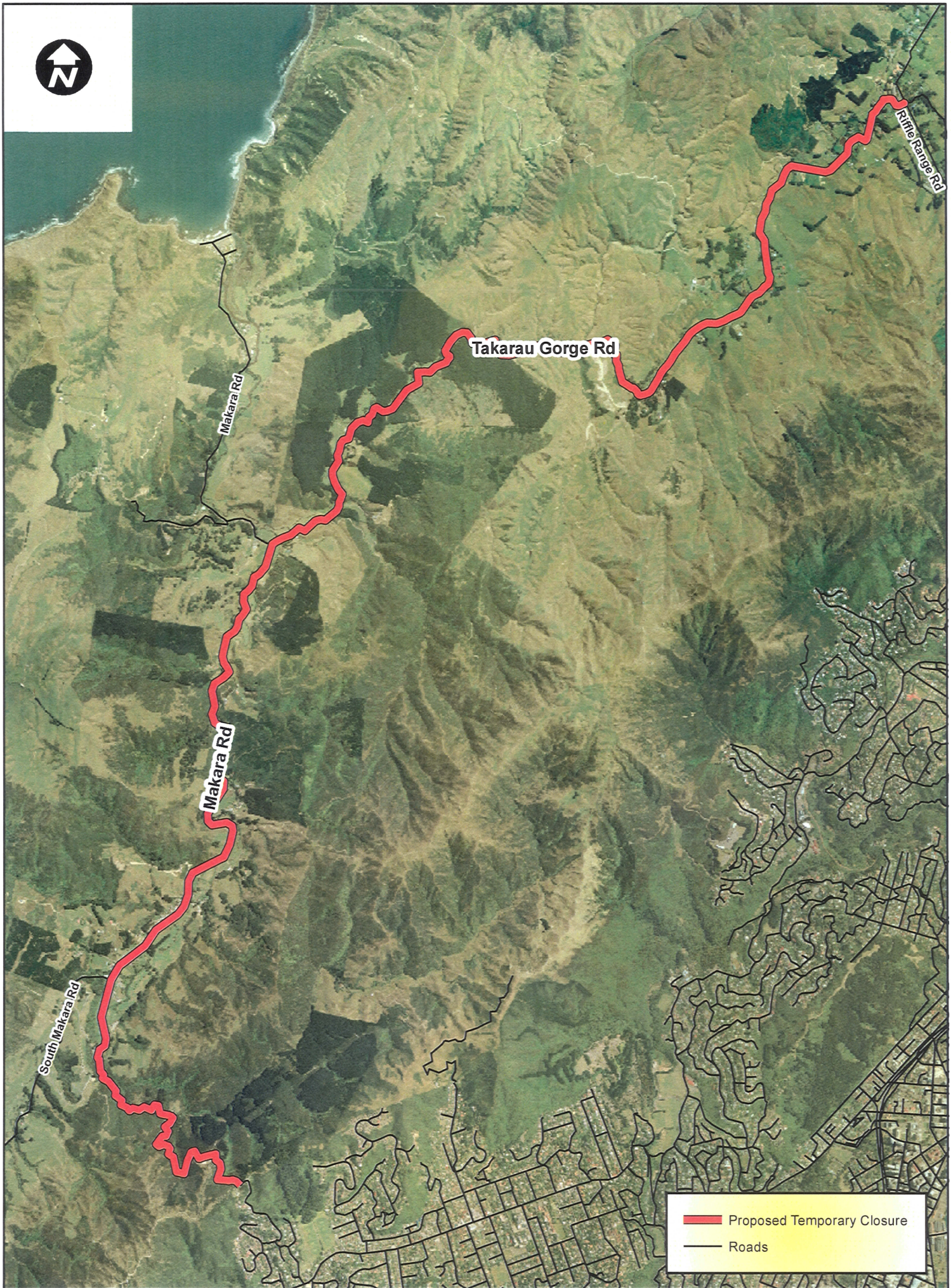
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