STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee

FROM: Administration Advisor

REFERENCE: 31760PR

DATE: 13 February 2007

SUBJECT: Partial Closure of Cannington Road, Rough Island

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Councillors of the response received from the recent special consultative procedure for the proposed partial closure of Cannington Road, Rough Island.

BACKGROUND

On 29 November 2006 the Community Services Committee considered a report outlining a request from the Tasman and District Equestrian Trust and the Ornithological Society to close part of Cannington Road, Rough Island, to vehicles. This would enable the Trust to remove two of their gates and give them more security to the park. Partial closure of this road would also leave the area with a good safe walking track and further plantings could be added to the edge of the estuary to improve bird habitat.

The Community Services Committee resolved:

THAT public notice be given of Council's intention to close part of Cannington Road adjacent to the Equestrian Park on Rough Island to vehicles and call for comments.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

The proposal was publicly notified on 16 December 2006, and comments were invited from the public.

Council received comments from four people, all who were very supportive of the proposal.

OPTIONS

- (i) To close part of Cannington Road, Rough Island to vehicles; or
- (ii) Leave the road open

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the part of Cannington Road as marked on the attached plan be closed to through vehicles, leaving an area with a good safe walking track, and further plantings be added to the edge of the estuary to improve bird habitat.

Sandra Hartley

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