

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Selwyn Steedman, Transportation Network Engineer

REFERENCE: RD3648

SUBJECT: **Swamp Road, Appleby – Proposed Closure at State Highway 60 – RESC-11-02-03-DEC**
Report prepared for meeting of 03 February 2011

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Engineering Services Committee of the New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA) intention to close Swamp Road, Appleby at the intersection of State Highway 60.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The intersection of Swamp Road and State Highway 60 at Appleby has a very high accident rate, as identified by NZTA.
- 2.2 OPUS, on behalf of NZTA, recently carried out a safety survey on the SH60 Appleby Straight. As a result of the safety survey, Opus and NZTA have consulted with residents on Swamp Road to gauge their reaction to the proposal to close the road at the intersection of SH60. The Opus report is attached for consideration.

3 COMMENT

- 3.1 Of the 15 residents, nine are in favour of closure and three have reservations. Only three are against the closure. For Tasman District Council the closure of Swamp Road will eliminate the road being used by heavy vehicles. This is positive as the road lacks lateral support for the carriageway due to the road being flanked with deep drains.
- 3.2 Any costs of works and signage for this closure will be met by NZTA.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 **THAT the report Swamp Road, Appleby Proposed Closure at State Highway 60, RESC-11-02-03 be received by the Engineering Services Committee.**
- 4.2 **THAT the Engineering Service Committee supports the proposed closure of Swamp Road, Appleby at the intersection of State Highway 60 for a trial period of twelve months and recommends this action to full Council for ratification as noted in the report RESC-11-02-03.**

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