

**TITLE: [EO-CM] Lot 95 in DP 755754 - Parish of Murwillumbah and Wollumbin  
- Road Closure Application**

**ORIGIN:**

**Design**

**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Council has received a notice of application to close Crown Road within Lot 4 DP 705636 and road separating that lot from Oxley River, and Crown road separating Lot 95 in DP 755754 from the Tweed River at Eungella and Byangum, from the Land and Property Management Authority. Council has been requested to provide its consent or objection to the closure of this section of Crown Public Road.

An investigation of the Crown Road reserves has been conducted and it has been noted that no Council infrastructure appears to currently exist within it.

Council's policy on Road Closures notes that roads not eligible for closure include:-

- Clause 1** Roads providing or capable of providing physical access to rivers, creeks, lakes, beaches and their foreshores;
- Clause 5** Roads whose future highest and best use for Council is judged to be of more economic worth than the current land value.

As this part of the proposal conflicts with Clauses 1 and 5 of Council's Policy it is recommended that Council objects to the closure and purchase by the applicant of the section of Crown road reserve which runs along the eastern boundary of Lot 4 DP 705636, and Crown road separating Lot 95 in DP 755754 from the Tweed River at Eungella and Byangum.

It is further recommended that Council does not object to the closure and purchase by the applicant of the section of Crown road reserve which runs through Lot 4 in DP 705636.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council:-**

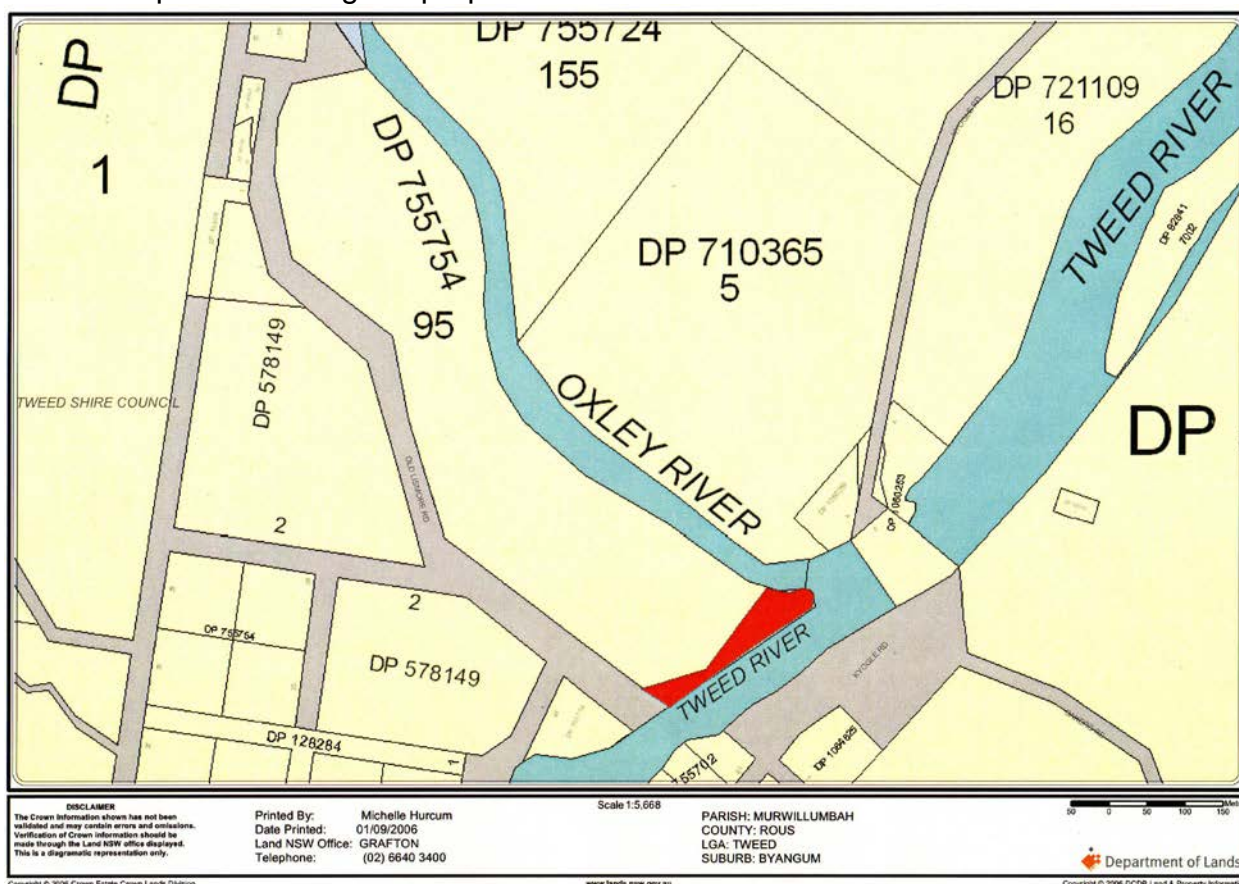
- 1. Objects to the closure and purchase by the applicant of the sections of Crown road reserve which runs along the eastern boundary of Lot 4 DP 705636 and Crown road separating Lot 95 in DP 755754 from the Tweed River at Eungella and Byangum.**
- 2. Does not object to the closure and purchase by the applicant of the sections of Crown road reserve which run through Lot 4 in DP 705636.**

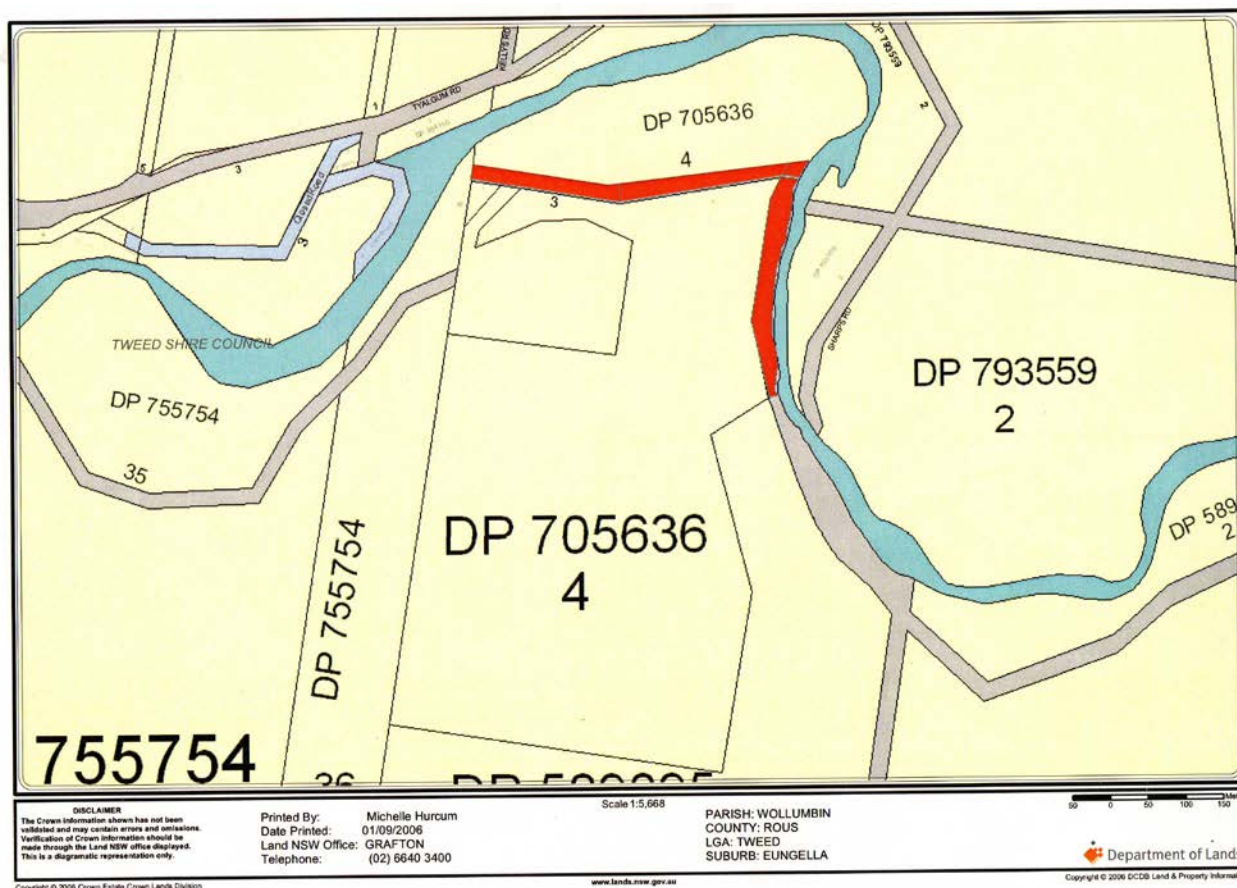
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Below are plans showing the proposed Road Closure:-





The section of road reserve on the eastern boundary of Lot 95 and the eastern boundary of Lot 4 run along the Tweed River and the Oxley River which are protected riparians under Section 26D of the Water Act. These sections of road reserve and river contain key fish habitat and estuary threatened species.

Council is implementing foreshore regeneration within the region of the Tweed Shire and utilising road reserves which adjoin the creeks and rivers to allow access to these areas. Council has encountered problems with land owners where access to the foreshore area is only available through private property. While Council is not seeking to fully construct the road reserves along the foreshores, the road reserves do provide an unimpeded access for regeneration works to be completed and should not be closed.

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As the proposal is in conflict with Clauses 1 and 5 of Council's Policy it is recommended that Council objects to the closure and purchase by the applicant of the section of Crown road reserve which runs along the eastern boundary of Lot 4 DP 705636, and Crown road separating Lot 95 in DP 755754 from the Tweed River at Eungella and Byangum.

The remaining section of road reserve proposed to be closed running through Lot 4 is unformed and has no direct impact on the surrounding properties. There is minimal environmental impact within this area.

It is recommended that Council does not object to the closure and purchase of the Crown Road reserves which runs through Lot 4 in DP 705636.

**LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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Nil.

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