



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

11th October 2005

**DSS6 KAWANA LANE, BARRAGANYATTI
FILE: 153 (292114) NJT**

SUMMARY:

Reporting on a request to maintain Kawana Lane, Barraganyatti.

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Council has received a letter from Mr Peter Dowsett requesting that consideration be given to Council taking over maintenance of Kawana Lane, Barraganyatti. A copy of the letter is attached [\(Appendix A\)](#).

Kawana Lane is a Dedicated Public Road that presently is not maintained by Council. The road provides access to residences and businesses.

The road was initially constructed by RZM as apart of the development of a Titanium Minerals Mine. Once mining ceased, regular maintenance of the road also ceased. The conditions of the development did not state that Council would take over maintenance of the road, only that the road should be maintained by RZM and left in a state suitable for residents.

Council considered funding some minor roadworks in Kawana Lane as part of a report on Minor Roads at its meeting on 14th June 2005 and resolved to expend \$2,000 subject to 50% contribution from the landholders. Landholders at that stage were not willing to contribute any funds, so no maintenance was carried out.

The cost of upgrading of the road should be at the expense of the applicants. The estimated cost to construct the road to Council's minimum standard is \$51,500.

If Council were to consider taking over the road, then consideration would need to be given to budget for the future ongoing costs. It is estimated that ongoing annual maintenance costs for unsealed roads (allowing for future gravel resheeting and maintenance

grading) is \$3,500 per km. The total life cycle cost for 1.2km is \$4,200 per annum.

Council has 3 options:

1. Council take over maintenance of Kawana Lane.
2. Residents bring the road to a satisfactory standard, prior to taking over the full maintenance of Kawana Lane.
3. Do nothing.

Residents have not been willing to contribute to the cost when Minor Roads funding was available.

It is recommended that Kawana Lane not be added to Council's maintained length of roads, as it does not meet Council's current minimum road standards and funding provided by Council is not sufficient to maintain the current road infrastructure let alone take on more.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

▪ *Environmental Implications*

There are no environmental implications from the following recommendation.

▪ *Social Implications*

The social implications from the following recommendation are that the residents do not have a maintained road for access to their properties.

▪ *Economic (Financial) Implications*

There are no financial implications from the following recommendation.

▪ *Policy or Statutory Implications*

There are no policy or statutory implications.

▪ *Director's Review*

Council needs to determine if it can financially support any extension of the maintained road network and the ongoing commitment. Council is urged to support the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Kawana Lane not be added to Council's maintained length of roads.

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