

### Can I apply to get a road stopped?

The public or adjoining landowners can apply to have sections of road stopped. This will usually be approved if Council is satisfied that the stopping will not affect public access, adjoining landowners, or impede opportunities for further development or subdivision served by the road.

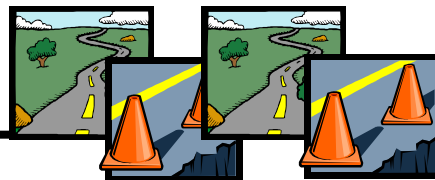
If it is clear that there will be an objection to the proposal to stop a road then Council is unlikely to proceed. We advise that you consult with your neighbours to ensure they have no objections before applying to stop a road.

If the proposal is only to stop part of a road i.e not the whole width, and no one will be affected by the stopping, then Council may carry out the stopping under the Public Works Act. This does not require public consultation.

If the proposal is to stop an entire section of road, and the public will no longer have access, then Council will use the Local Government Act 1974 to stop the road. This requires public consultation

### How long will it take?

A typical road stopping procedure has a time scale of approximately 9- 12 months.



### What are the costs to me?

- ◆ A initial processing fee of \$100 plus GST
- ◆ All costs, including staff time, surveying, land valuation, subdivision notices, consents, legal fees and consultant's services.
- ◆ Market value for the land
- ◆ Typically the cost of stopping under the Local Government Act is approximately \$3,000 + valuation, surveying costs and market value of the land. Stopping under the Public Works Act is less.

**All costs are borne by the applicant regardless of whether the stopping of the road is successful or not.**

### What is the process?

1. Community Board approval
2. Council approval
3. Legal survey is arranged
4. Valuation of land is arranged
5. Public notification (where the Local Government Act is used) in newspaper and a sign erected on the portion of road to be stopped. The public has a 40 day period to make submissions
6. If objections are received, the Council will consider if it wishes to proceed or not. If Council does proceed the matter is then referred to the Environment Court
7. If no submissions are received the stopping is submitted to Ministry of Lands for consent
8. Road is declared stopped
9. Public Notice and Survey Plans sent to LINZ
10. Title raised & amalgamated
11. Sale of land to the applicant



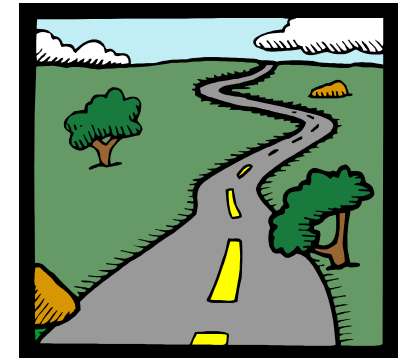
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## Road Stopping



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