

10.4 Unmaintained Badgers Lane Cooyal - Request to be maintained

REPORT BY THE WORKS TECHNICAL OFFICER
TO 15 JUNE 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Works Technical Officer on the Unmaintained Badgers Lane Cooyal - Request to be maintained; and**
2. **add the 1.6km Badgers Lane to the Roads Asset Management Plan as a maintained road.**

Executive summary

Council have received numerous complaints from residents of Badgers Lane and Drip Lane requesting maintenance be carried out on Badgers Lane.

It is recommended to carry out works as Badgers Lane is the only accessible road for the residents of both Badgers Lane and Drip Lane when the Cooyal Creek is flooded.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

There are 16 properties impacted when Cooyal Creek causeway floods on Drip Lane resulting in residents being stranded on Drip Lane with no secondary access.

Badgers Lane is 1.6km in length and runs between Drip Lane and Linburn Lane. The lane itself does not meet the requirements of the Unmaintained and Unformed Roads policy, however this report is recommending that Council approve Badgers Lane being added to the current maintained roads on a 24 monthly schedule to allow it to become the secondary access when flooding occurs.

The alternative of undertaking works to the causeway to upgrade it was considered, however the costs would be higher and Council would also still need to do works to Badgers Lane to allow it to be used as a temporary access during construction works.

It is estimated that it will cost \$98,000 to install pipes, form and sheet the 1.6km to bring Badgers Lane up to the required standard.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Connecting Our Region
Goal	High quality road network that is safe and efficient

Strategy	Provide a roads network that balances asset conditions with available resources and community needs
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Strategic implications

Council Strategies

The Roads Asset Management Plan details Councils existing roads network and costs associated with maintaining the network compared to current annual budgets.

Council Policies

It is the intent of Council’s Unmaintained and Unformed Roads Policy that Council will not undertake works on the unmaintained road network.

However, the policy also states;

Roads will only be added to the maintained list after consideration by Council and taking into account the cost to bring the road up to a minimum standard (as defined in the Road Asset Management Plan), ongoing maintenance costs and the impact on the total roads program.

Sections of Council road reserve that service less than 5 permanent residences will not be considered for addition to the maintained road list, noting that historically, there are maintained roads within the local government area that do not meet this requirement.

Drip lane is often cut due to flooding at the causeway meaning more than 5 resident’s access Badgers lane.

Legislation

Roads Act 1993

Financial implications

The following indicative costs will be required to bring the road up to standard, followed by grading every 2nd year.

The figures below are based on general rates allowing for general earthworks, drainage works, and pavement construction from a local gravel source and finishing with a grade. Badgers Lane initial cost to bring road up to standard is \$98,000 and the annual grading cost assuming a grade every second year is \$2080.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2022/23	✓	-	✗
Future Years	✓	-	✗

Associated Risks

Nil

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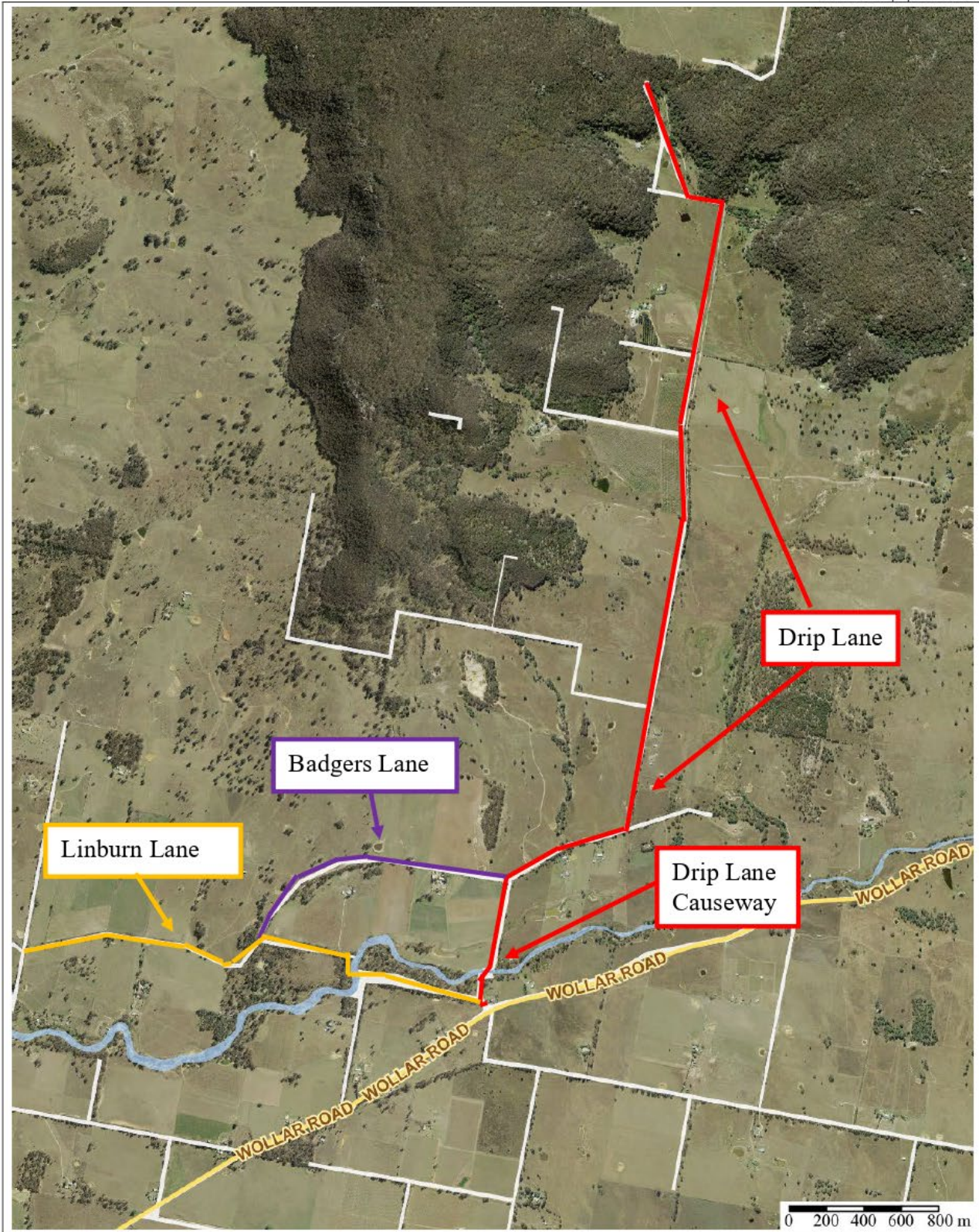
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Attachments: 1. Badges Lane map.

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