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Wilkinson Street access to the Bass Highway to close

Following a decision by the Administrative Appeals Division of the Magistrates Court, Waratah-Wynyard Council will proceed with the closure of the south-western end of Wilkinson Street at the Bass Highway intersection.

Council originally resolved to close the intersection in December 2018 in the interests of public safety, after a recommendation by the Department of State Growth.

According to Mayor Robby Walsh, Council put a number of alternate options to address safety concerns at the intersection to the Department of State Growth for consideration.

“We looked at other options and asked the State Government to provide an assessment of the merits of each against the closure option.”

In September 2019, after receiving advice from the Department was that closure was the preferred course of action, Council again resolved to close the intersection.

“Council made the decision to follow State Government recommendations in order to minimise risk for the community.”

A number of objections to the closure were received from the community, and the matter was referred to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, who determined on 16 July 2021 that the decision of Council to close the intersection be affirmed.

Council will now work with the Department of State Growth to determine timelines for the works. The community will be informed as more details are known.

Council will note the determination of the Magistrate at the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 16 August 2021.

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