

Temporary road closure approval - FIRECO Kai Iwi Lakes Triathlon - April 2025

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 26 February 2025
Reporting officer: Hayley Baird, Infrastructure Officer – Customer and Corridor and Curt Martin, Acting Roding Manager

Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To seek approval from Council for the application of a temporary road closure for the purpose of the FIRECO Kai Iwi Lakes Triathlon.

Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

Approve the application for a temporary road closure to allow FIRECO Kai Iwi Lakes Triathlon event to take place in a safe manner. The proposed closure is to be held on Saturday, 12 April 2025 from 08:00am to 2:00pm.

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council

- a) Approves the application for a temporary road closure of Kai Iwi Lakes Road Omamari from 8am until 2pm on 12 April 2025, for the FIRECO Kai Iwi Lakes Triathlon, as detailed in the proposed temporary traffic management plan and map (Attachments A and B).
- b) Notes that, as a condition of this approval, the event organiser will conduct a letter drop to all businesses and residents within the affected area to inform them of the road closure.

Context | Horopaki

In terms of the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulation 1965, Council is required to advertise any road closures at least 42 days in advance of an event. The decision to close the road is to be approved by Council under the Local Government Act 1974, s319. The FIRECO Kai Iwi Lakes Triathlon will be held on Saturday 12 April 2025 from 8am and 2pm, to carry out the challenge in a safe manner the applicants have applied to temporarily close Kai Iwi Lakes Rd, Omamari.

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

The proposed Traffic Management Plan necessitates the temporary road closures of Kai Iwi Lakes Road, Omamari (refer to Attachment A and B). The proposed Traffic Management Plan requires the roads to be closed for the day of Saturday 12 April 2025 from 8am to 2pm, there will be a stop/go located on the intersection of Domain Road, and Kai Iwi lakes Road to allow traffic to safely enter/exit Taharoa Domain throughout the day. Traffic management can allow cars to enter the road closure area when safe to do so. Cyclists will abide by the road rules while in this road closure. This event has been publicly notified in the Kaipara Lifestyler issued on 14 January 2025 with an objection period ending 30 January 2025. No Objections were received and there is no history found of any issues raised by past events.

Options

Option 1: Approve the application for the temporary road closure. By choosing this option, council can allow for a safer event for the community, event participants, and road users.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

Option 2: Decline the application for the temporary road closure. Declining this application would be a step in the opposite direction for creating an opportunity to promote tourism in the Kaipara and be seen as a loss in financial, cultural, and social opportunity for the local businesses and community. As the local authority, Council has an obligation to provide a safe environment for the event for all involved. If the application is declined, this event may continue but have a negative effect on the local businesses and residents located within this closure caused by the event taking place on the road open to all users.

Policy and planning implications

Local Government Act 1974, s319 – General powers of Council in respect of roads. Section 319(1)(h) includes “to stop or close any road or part thereof in the manner and upon the conditions set out in s342 and Schedule 10”

Financial implications

The applicant will bear all costs of temporarily closing the road.

Risks and mitigations

There are no major risks associated with the decisions or matters outlined in this report.

Significance and engagement | Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report are considered to have a low degree of significance in accordance with Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy. No feedback is required, and the public will be informed of Council’s decision via the agenda and minutes publication of this meeting, on the website and through other channels if appropriate.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

Advise the applicant of Council’s decision. If approved, give public notice and advise stakeholders of the decision to close part of the road under Clause 11a of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974. Applicant to undertake letter drop to all residents/businesses located within the closure.

Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Traffic Management Plan
B	Road closure map
C	Temp Road Closure Application