



FAQs – Meade Road Realignment and Blackmore River Access Review



What is being proposed?

Council is considering a proposal to:

- Close part of the existing Meade Road (west) paper road reserve, at the request of the adjoining landowner at 585 Letchford Road, Darwin River
- Open a new road alignment within Crown Land with no plans for construction
- Potentially allow the adjoining landowner to purchase the closed road reserve land and adjoining Crown land adjacent to the riverbank, subject to approvals.

Why is this proposal being considered?

The proposal was submitted by the adjoining landowner at 585 Letchford Road in 2022. The landowner has advised that the change would assist with conservation and land management activities on land currently intersected by the paper road reserve.

What is a paper road reserve?

A paper road reserve is a road that exists legally on maps and land titles but has never been formally constructed as a road.

Has Council made a decision?

No. Council has not made a decision on the proposal. This consultation is being undertaken to gather community and stakeholder feedback before any future decisions are considered.



Will public access to the Blackmore River be affected?

Potential impacts to public access are a key reason Council is undertaking this consultation. Council is seeking feedback on how the area is currently used and the importance of maintaining access to the Blackmore River and surrounding Crown land.

Will the existing access point be closed?

No changes have been approved. The purpose of this consultation is to understand community views on the existing access arrangements and any potential impacts of the proposal.

Is Council selling public land?

No decision has been made regarding any land transfer. Any future proposal involving the transfer of land would be subject to further Council consideration, Northern Territory Government approvals, land valuation requirements and other statutory processes.

Who pays for any future investigations?

Any investigations, assessments, approvals, engineering reviews and associated costs required to assess the feasibility of the proposal would be the responsibility of the proponent (the adjoining landowner).

Will a road be constructed?

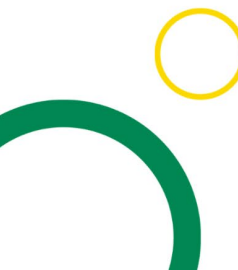

Council has no plans to undertake any works either on the existing paper road reserve or, if the road realignment process was to go ahead, the new realigned road reserve.

Why is Council consulting again?

Previous consultation undertaken did not adequately communicate potential impacts on public access. Council has directed that further consultation be undertaken to ensure the community has the opportunity to provide informed feedback before any future decision is made.

What feedback is Council seeking?

Council would like to understand:

- How the area is currently used
 - The importance of access to the Blackmore River
 - Potential benefits, concerns or impacts associated with the proposal
 - Environmental, cultural heritage, recreational and safety considerations
 - Suggestions or concerns the community would like Council to consider.
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What happens after the consultation closes?

All feedback received will be reviewed and summarised in a consultation report. The outcomes will be presented to Council to assist with any future consideration of the proposal.

Will approving this proposal set a precedent for future road closures or land transfer?

Each proposal involving road closures, road openings or land transfers is assessed on its own merits and must comply with relevant legislation, Council policies and Northern Territory Government requirements.

Council's consideration of this proposal does not automatically create a precedent for future applications. Any similar proposal would require its own assessment, community consultation (where required), Council consideration and statutory approvals.

Council will consider factors such as community benefit, public access, environmental impacts, land management outcomes and stakeholder feedback before making any future decision.

How can I provide feedback?

Feedback can be submitted through:

- The online Feedback Form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V7KX6K9>
- A written submission: Visit Council's website for details <https://litchfield.nt.gov.au/community/your-say-litchfield/meade-road-realignment-and-blackmore-river-access-review>
- In-person pop-up sessions (include details when confirmed).

When does consultation close?

Feedback will be accepted until midnight on Sunday, 19 July 2026.