

Proposed Deviation for Houlihans Lane, Poowong

South Gippsland Shire Council proposes to undertake a deviation and land exchange of Houlihans Lane, Poowong in order to address land ownership concerns.

Houlihans Lane was created by the former Country Roads Board but now Council is the responsible road authority. Part of it was constructed on private land owned by the adjoining landowner.

To formalise this situation Council can use its power as a responsible road authority under the *Local Government Act 1989*.

This will require Council to create a road status over the privately owned part of the road, remove the road status from the road area that is not used as a road and complete a land exchange with adjoining landowner.

Council's Manager Sustainable Communities Chris Van Der Ark explained that Houlihans Lane needed its boundaries clarified.

"Situations like this are common throughout South Gippsland however rectification is not actively pursued by Council as usually there is no interest or risk.

"The adjoining landowner to Houlihans Lane is keen for the process to proceed to ensure boundary lines are clear in case the property is sold in the future," said Ms Van Der Ark.

Council is undertaking public consultation in regards to Houlihans Lane and will accept written submissions from the community until 5.00pm on 18 January 2017.

All feedback received will be considered at the next available Council meeting where submitters will have the opportunity to speak to their submission if requested.

If no submissions are received Council will proceed with the deviation and land exchange.

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