

## Road opening in Mirboo North

At its meeting this week, Council agreed to open the unused government road to the south off Giles Street, Mirboo North to the public, subject to special conditions.

An adjoining landowner submitted the application to open the road to allow them access to their property. The road opening is subject to this adjoining landowner submitting engineering and drainage plans.

Once approved by Council, the applicant will then be required to enter into a Section 173 (s.173) Agreement under the Planning and Environment Act within a two year period.

The property in question was recently purchased by the applicant and access to the main area of the applicant's farm was previously gained through vacant land on Giles Street. This vacant land will not be available in the future for the applicant to access the main area of their farm.

The unused government road off Giles Street has an Agricultural Licence with the Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning (DELWP) held by another abutting property owner.

Director Sustainable Communities and Infrastructure, Anthony Seabrook, said the applicant would be required to maintain the opened road in accordance with standards agreed and contained in the s.173 agreement.

A planning permit will also be required to remove the tree ferns and any other indigenous vegetation within the unused road reserve, as well as a Works on Waterways Permit from the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

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