

Media release

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Skyfarm Road closure

Glenorchy City Council has closed a road in Claremont after a partial collapse saw an excavator slide down a steep embankment yesterday afternoon.

A council spokesperson said contractors undertaking emergency works on Skyfarm Road had completed work for the day when part of the roadway started cracking while the excavator was being moved to an overnight parking location.

Workers noticed the cracks and the excavator operator exited the vehicle before the road gave way. No-one was injured during the incident which has been reported to WorkSafe Tasmania for further investigation.

The road will remain closed until further notice. This has impacted access to some properties in the area, although an alternate route is available, but is only suitable for 4WD vehicles.

Council is confident the current scope of works being conducted on the road will be sufficient to ensure it is repaired and safe for public use.

The excavator slid about 100m down the embankment. An assessment will be made in due course as to whether it can be retrieved, given the nature of the terrain.

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