

## COUNCIL POLICY: PROVISION OF ROAD NETWORK

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Related Documents:	<i>Road Map and Register</i> <i>Design and Construction Manual</i> <i>Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices</i> <i>Asset Management Plan</i> <i>Queensland Urban Drainage Manual</i>

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### OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are:

- To provide a road network for the safe usage by the community.
- To ensure the road network is maintained to an agreed service standard.
- To ensure activities within the road reserve are well managed.

Corporate Plan:	
Priority Area	<i>Infrastructure and asset management</i> <i>Infrastructure is planned, delivered and managed in accordance with the prioritised needs of our growing community and contemporary asset management principles.</i>
Strategy	<i>Plan, deliver and maintain an effective transport network which improves accessibility across the region and caters for a range of transport modes with a focus on sustainability and safety.</i>

### POLICY STATEMENT

Council provides a network of roads, bridges, walkways and drainage structures as detailed in the Roads Asset Register. The following items shall be considered in relation to the provision of the road network.

## **1. Extensions to the Road Network**

Council may accept an extension of a road or new section of road onto its road register for ongoing control and maintenance.

Applications must be submitted to Council for the proposed construction of a road within the road reserve. If the application is approved :

- a. All costs of the road construction are to be borne by the applicant;
- b. The road reserve must be surveyed by a registered surveyor to ensure the road will be constructed within the road reserve;
- c. The road must be designed by an RPEQ, in accordance with Council's *Design and Construction Manual*;
- d. An Operational Works application must be submitted to Council;
- e. Following the completion of the road the RPEQ shall provide "as constructed" plans and certify that the works were constructed in accordance with approved plans, or approved variation to the approved plans;
- f. The Defect Liability Period for the road shall be a minimum of twelve months.

Council does not condone or accept any responsibility for any work carried out on a section of roadway without its written approval. The section of roadway will not be maintained or improved in any manner by Council. Council may remove or render impassable the road section if a safety risk to the public has been created. Council may seek restitution of damages generated by works undertaken without approval, including compliance and legal action.

## **2. Road and Street Construction Standards**

Future road and street construction will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Design and Construction Manual as adopted by Council. Delegated Council Officers may approve designs from external parties that are variations to standard design drawings from time to time, provided the applicant has engaged a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) to undertake the design, in accordance with good engineering practice, and if approved by the Director of Infrastructure Services prior to the construction of the road.

## **3. Road and Street Maintenance Standards**

Road maintenance operations will be undertaken in accordance with the Asset Management Plan, as adopted by Council, with priorities to be determined by Council staff on priority basis for the entire Council area depending on funding and weather conditions.

It is Council's intent that it only maintains local access roads which are no through roads only to the first available property access point. Council will not maintain roadways beyond locked gates.

## **4. Signage and Traffic Control Devices**

Road signage will be provided in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Regulatory speed limits on Council roads will be as determined by the Speed Review Traffic Advisory Committee, on the recommendation of Council officers. Authorised Council officers may impose temporary speed limits for roadworks and community events.

Council staff may authorise the installation of Fingerboard Signs promoting local facilities where it is deemed that such signage will not adversely affect road safety, and is in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Full cost of provision, installation and maintenance of such signage shall be borne by the applicant.

## **5. Stormwater Infrastructure in Road Reserves**

Stormwater drainage system will only be provided in urban areas to carry away stormwater runoff for more frequent storm events, to minimise the impact on property damage. The road reserve will be used as an overland flow path for major storms. Stormwater infrastructure will be provided in accordance with Council's Design and Construction Manual and the Queensland Urban Drainage Manual (QUDM) with priorities determined by risk assessment.

Cross road drainage only shall be provided in rural areas and shall be constructed in accordance with Council's Design and Construction Manual.

## **6. Vehicles Parking within Road Reserves**

Council does not favour the implementation of Regulated Parking (via Local Laws). Regulatory parking signage in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) will be installed where considered appropriate (e.g. in the central business centres of towns) for enforcement by Queensland Police Service.

## **7. Vegetation within Road Reserves**

Roadside vegetation shall be controlled in accordance with the maintenance management plans, which are part of the Asset Management Plan.

With permission trees may be planted within the road reserve, but shall be subject to the safety and visibility requirements of the through road. Planting locations are to be in accordance with Council's Design and Construction Manual.

Tree works will be performed in accordance with Australian Standard 4373 Pruning of Amenity Trees. Works around significant trees will be performed in accordance with Australian Standard 4970 Protection of Trees on Construction Sites.

Council staff may authorise the removal or pruning of roadside trees for essential utility services work and other work as per Council Policy - Tree Management on Council Controlled Land.

Every effort must be taken to minimise the extent of loss of healthy trees and vegetation. The work must not be in contravention of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* or *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

## **8. Private Access Entrances**

Council will permit the construction of private access entrances within the road reserve. The cost of provision and maintenance of an entrance shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

Private access entrances must be approved by Council prior to construction.

Private access entrances constructed without approval may be removed or rectified by Council at the cost of the property owner. Council will not provide a rural road number to a non approved entrance.

## **9. Utility Services within a Road Reserve**

Council requires utility services to be constructed on a set alignment within the road reserve, as defined in Council's Design and Construction Manual. Delegated Council officers may approve variations to the alignment, subject to the utility provider establishing reasonable grounds for variation.

## **10. Works within a Road Reserve**

Any works undertaken for private purposes within a Council controlled road reserve will require the approval of Council to ensure the works meet standards and limit Council's liability to damages, which may result from the implementation of the works. Delegated Council officers will assess applications and either refuse or approve the application subject to conditions, such as traffic management, standards and future liabilities.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all Council-controlled roads and streets.

## **DEFINITIONS**

RPEQ - Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Policy Author	Director Works and Infrastructure Services
Policy Owner	Manager Works
Guidelines and procedures	Not applicable

**Adopted By:**

**SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
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