

1. PURPOSE

Management and handling of complaints relating to excessive dust from unsealed roads impacting on residential use and/or domestic water storages.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Policy is to provide a consistent policy framework that can be used to assess whether a road seal is to be applied to address concerns relating to excessive dust from unsealed roads which is adversely impacting on residential use and/or domestic water storages.

3. SCOPE

This Policy only applies where the property owner has determined that other readily available technologies (e.g. installation of filtration systems) will not address the issue of excessive dust.

The following criteria will be used as the basis for assessing whether a road seal is to be applied as a dust suppressant, however in the first instance, the property owner must be prepared to contribute 50% of the estimated total cost of works, payable in advance (i.e. prior to the commencement of works).

Recognising that Council has responsibility for approximately 613 kilometres of unsealed roads, it is extremely difficult to assess the number of potential requests that may be received for such treatment. Despite such criteria, it must still be acknowledged that a seal can only be applied if there is an available budget. Eligible requests will therefore still need to be managed based on available budget and be undertaken on a 'first in' basis.

4. POLICY

The following criteria are to be used as the basis for assessing whether a road seal is to be applied as a dust suppressant:

1. The House/Building must be within approximately 30 metres of the roadway;
2. The house/building roof is the principal supply of domestic water for the dwelling (drinking water);
3. There is evidence that the combination of traffic volume and the type and condition of the gravel surface is causing a significant dust problem; and
4. the property owner must be prepared to contribute 50% of the estimated total cost of works, payable in advance (i.e. prior to the commencement of works).

Other considerations:

5. Other mitigating circumstances;



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6. Are there are other practical engineering solution(s);
 7. There is an available annual allocation within the budget;
 8. Application of a public interest test;
 9. Assessment to include consideration of the number of properties that will benefit.

5. LEGISLATION

Not applicable.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Financial Year Budget Estimates.

7. DOCUMENT ADMINISTRATION

This Instruction is a managed document and is to be reviewed every 4 years or as directed by the General Manager.

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