



TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

**ENGINEERING**

**GENERAL POLICIES**

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## ENGINEERING SERVICES

### Parking

- (1) Council's objective is to:
  - (a) Improve the traffic flow and facilitate customer access to business trading through effective enforcement of parking controls.
  - (b) Maintain traffic safety and access and facilitate the provision of on-street parking for residential and commercial land uses.
- (2) Any funds received must go into a specific car parking fund.

## ROADS AND STREETS

### Airfields

- (1) Tatiara District Council will meet the liability standards and maintain the airfields to an appropriate standard.

### Closing Roads

- (1) Before any decision is made by Council on a proposal to close a road, an advertisement will be inserted in the local paper giving notice that will be adequately described, and invite any interested person to express their views on the proposal. The advertisement will be published at least four weeks prior to the date of the Council meeting at which the proposed closure will be considered. Also see Council's Public Consultation Policy.
- (2) If the Council agrees to a request from a landholder for road adjacent to their holding to be closed, such request, will unless otherwise decided by the Council, be granted on the condition that the landholder pays all the survey and transfer fees and buys the closed road at a realistic value.

### Conservation

- (1) Council will promote the planting of trees on roads and reserves.
  - i. Preference should be given to Australian native trees found to be suitable for the area in all tree planting projects.
  - ii. Care must be taken when choosing species to plant trees under power lines so as to ensure they do not grow into the overhead lines.
  - iii. Before digging holes to plant trees a Dial Before You Dig (1100) search should be undertaken to ensure underground services are not damaged.
- (2) Every effort should be made to protect roadside vegetation in accordance with Council's Roadside Management Plan.

### Crossing Places/Entrances

- (1) The installation of vehicle crossovers is the responsibility of property owners. Pursuant to Section 221 of the Local Government Act 1999, "Alteration to Road", property owners are required to apply to Council to install a crossover to their property.
- (2) The clearance will establish if any infrastructure is in the path of the driveway that they need to be aware of and will also allow Council to protect any trees or vegetation on the verges.
- (3) In the interests of health and safety and in order to protect damage to third party assets the landowner must call Dial Before You Dig on 1100 as this will determine if there is any underground services within the vicinity.
- (4) Signage must be provided at the site in accordance with "Traffic Control for Work on Road" Australian Standards 1742.3.
- (5) The landholder may employ a contractor or alternatively Tatiara District Council may undertake the work to install a crossover at an agreed cost.
- (6) In rural areas the following shall apply:
  - a. The provision of crossovers to all rural properties shall be the responsibility of the landholder. Should Council vary the horizontal or vertical alignment of any road, it shall be responsible for reinstating crossovers to all properties abutting the road providing such crossover was in existence prior to re-construction of such road.
  - b. Crossovers over drains to private property shall be the responsibility of the landholder. The design of all such crossings shall be approved by Councils Manager Technical Services or Technical Officer.
- (7) Applications for crossovers on corner township allotments and all allotments outside of townships shall be inspected by Technical Service staff.

### Plant, Machinery and Equipment

- (1) A Plant Replacement Programme shall be maintained for the replacement of plant, machinery and equipment. The Manager Technical Services shall monitor the allocated budget and at least annually advise Council of the ongoing ability to meet future plant replacement needs, in accordance with Council's Plant Replacement Programme.
- (2) Each individual item of plant and machinery, other than motor vehicles, will be periodically reviewed and a decision made as to whether it is;
  - (a) Retained
  - (b) Replaced, or
  - (c) Disposed of and not replaced
- (3) The review is to be carried out by the Engineering Committee of Council in conjunction with the appropriate Managers and supervisors. In all cases except motor vehicles, the review is to be carried out one year (or equivalent hours or kilometres equating to one year's expected use) prior to the expiration of the expected economic useful life for the unit's plant category listed in Council's Plant Replacement Programme, and annually thereafter. All recommendations over \$10,000 or the budget amount to be approved by Council.

## Road Network

- (1) Council believes Local Government has a right and responsibility to construct, develop and maintain local access roads. Local Government is entitled to an equitable share of Commonwealth funds for the purposes of developing and maintaining roads under Council control.
- (2) Council aims to provide a district road network that will provide reasonable access to all properties.
- (3) Council will establish a road deficiency formula to determine road priorities giving consideration to the following matters: -
  - (a) Condition of the road
  - (b) Road usage
  - (c) Length of time that the properties, served by the road, have been settled.
  - (d) Council recognises that the road system is an asset.
- (4) Tatiara District Council will not form, construct or maintain carriageways on unmade roads unless such work is included in Council's Works Programme for the current financial year.
- (5) Council will consider any request to upgrade a road that includes the developer or landowner agreeing to enter into a cost sharing financial arrangement with Council.
- (6) In accordance with Council's Development Plan, Council will not issue approval for any planning application that is likely to generate traffic if the land lies along an unmade road or the development creates a need for the road to be upgraded unless either:
  - (a) The developer or landowner agrees to upgrading the road to a minimum standard set by Council, or
  - (b) The developer or landowner enters into a satisfactory cost sharing financial arrangement with Council.
- (7) In entering into a cost sharing agreement as per 1 and 2 above, Council will take the following into consideration:
  - (a) Likely use of the road by other road users.
  - (b) Benefit to the Council of the proposed development.
  - (c) Cost of the project and Council's current works priorities.
- (8) Any road constructed must be to Council specification having regard to the intended use of the road.
- (9) After construction of the road, Council will assume ownership and maintenance of the road providing however, the road is on public land.

## Roads and Street Reserves – Naming of

- (1) In the naming of streets, roads and reserves, the names should generally be selected on the basis of the following:
  - (a) Reflection of the heritage of the locality.
  - (b) Characteristics of the place.
  - (c) Names of pioneers or eminent persons who have lived in the district.
  - (d) Names of persons who have given extended service within the district.
- (2) Such names, however, should:
  - (a) Be capable of ready pronunciation.

- (b) Not have been used elsewhere in the district.
- (3) Council will give serious consideration to using the names of prominent pioneering families in naming and renaming streets in townships in the district.

#### **Rubble Pits**

- (1) Before a pit is opened, approval must be sought from the Department of Mines & Energy and the Native Vegetation Committee is to be consulted.
- (2) The Manager Technical Services will negotiate a satisfactory compensation agreement to both Council and the landowner before opening a pit.
- (3) Matters to be considered include:-
  - (a) Loss of value of the land
  - (b) Loss of production whilst the pit is in use
  - (c) Loss of production once the pit is backfilled
  - (d) Fencing off the pit
  - (e) Backfilling, stonepicking and resowing the pit area
- (4) Council to backfill areas of all existing pits when it is practical to do so and to endeavour to backfill old pits that Council has used in the past and which have been left in an unsatisfactory condition.
- (5) Council to comply with the requirements of the Natural Resource Management Board in relation to the control of Vermin and Weeds in the vicinity of a pit, overburden, haul track or rubble cartage onto a job.

#### **RECORD OF AMENDMENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>REVISION</b>	<b>REASON FOR AMENDMENT</b>
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