



# ***Access to Properties Policy***

*Policy No. WKSPOL 07*

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<b>Responsible Officer/s</b>	Works Manager
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## **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure provision of appropriate and adequate driveway access to residential and rural properties.

## **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all properties in the Council area.

## **3. Definitions**

**Township** means -

- (a) any government township and any land laid out as a township where plans of the township have been deposited in the Lands Titles Registration Office, the General Registry Office or the Surveyor-General's Office; or
- (b) any part of the area of a council that contains at least 20 residences and that is defined as a township by the council by notice in the Gazette;

**Rural area** means any land not in a township.

## **4. Policy**

### **1. Townships**

In townships with streets and roads served by kerb and water table, Council shall provide one (1) layback kerb crossing or standard 4 metre invert to each residential property to Council standard (for any new development, the developer is to provide inverts and property access to all new allotments and subdivisions at the developer's cost).

Any additional inverts are to be charged at private works rates for a standard 4 metre invert within a kerbed area. Any other inverts or property access are to be charged to the owner at private work rates.

If any reinstatement of old inverts occurs, the work will be considered as private work.

Provision of footpath crossings is the responsibility of the landholder in accordance with Section 218 of the Local Government Act 1999. The minimum standard required for footpath crossings will be of open surface construction.

When providing or upgrading any residential footpath crossing from an open surface standard, the minimum construction standard shall be 100mm thick reinforced concrete incorporating F62 reinforcing fabric.

The landowner may apply for approval for the use of alternative construction material including:-

- Concrete segmental pavers
- Brick pavers
- Bituminous two coat seal
- Hot-mix asphalt seal.



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## 2. Rural Areas

Council will provide one standard access point to each rural property, in a location agreed between the landowner and Council.

The provision of each additional driveway access is the responsibility of the landowner in accordance with Section 218 of the Local Government Act, 1999.

Should Council vary the horizontal or vertical alignment of any road, it shall be responsible for reinstating driveway access to all properties abutting the road providing such driveway access was in existence prior to the re-construction of such road.

## 5. **Responsibilities**

The Works Manager has approval to consider any extenuating circumstances and vary the conditions of this Policy on written request.

## 6. **References:**

Local Government Act 1999, Section 218.

## 7. **Review**

This Policy shall be reviewed by the District Council of Grant at minimum every four (4) years, within 12 months of a general election of Council (or on significant change to legislation or other matters which could affect this policy).

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>
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