District Council of
Loxton Waikerie

UNMADE AND UPGRADE ROADS POLICY

Responsible Officer/s	Director Infrastructure Services
Relevant Legislation / Documents	Local Government Act 1999 DCSB –I-14.02 – Crossover Road Verge and Driveways Policy Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016
Adopted	August 2025
Reviewed	Road Construction and Capital Projects Officer
Next Review	Every 2 years

A. Purpose

To provide clear guidelines regarding requests to the District Council of Loxton Waikerie relating to unmade, unformed and formed roads.

B. Objective

The policy will assist Council in determining the extent to which it will be involved in the survey and capital improvement and/or maintenance of unmade or unformed road reserves.

To ensure any works on unmade, unformed or formed roads are undertaken without impact on existing budgeted works. To ensure that there is a fair and transparent process in place for the improvement of unmade roads.

Note: This policy does not apply to vehicular access (driveway) from the road to the property boundary.

C. Policy

There is no obligation on the Council to undertake capital improvement and/or maintenance to unmade, unformed roads within a public road reserve for the purpose of access by the landowner to his or her property.

In general, Council will not undertake capital improvements or maintenance works to unmade or unformed roads where the road does not provide access to a property with an existing dwelling. Special circumstances, where a benefit to the community can be demonstrated, such as firefighting access, weed control and access to campgrounds and tourist attractions, may be considered at Councils discretion.

Should a landowner require access via an unmade or unformed road, Council expects that the landowner will provide that access at their cost. This places the landowner in a similar situation to a developer who has to upgrade roads at their cost as part of a new development.

D. Definitions

Public Road Reserve: An area of land gazetted to public use as a road but does not include State controlled roads. In some cases, these areas may be graded periodically as fire access tracks, or for other purposes. For the purposes of this policy, these roads are considered unmade.

Sealed Road: A road with bitumen, asphalt or paver surface.

Sheeted Road: A formed and surfaced road with pavements constructed of rubble or gravel and by the use of stabilisation processes.

Formed Road: A public road reserve that does not have rubble or gravel paving but which is formed using a grader so that stormwater drainage will occur and to provide a surface for vehicular movements.

Unformed Road: A public road that has been cleared and opened to and routinely used by the public.

Unmade Road: A public road reserve that has had no capital improvements including clearing. Notwithstanding, an unmade road may be trafficable or un-trafficable in all weathers.

E. Policy Delegations

The officers listed below have sub-delegations under this policy:

- Director Infrastructure Services
- Coordinator Capital Projects and Roads – Infrastructure Services

Council's delegations register notes the powers delegated in full.

F. Availability

This Policy will be available for inspection at the Council Offices at Loxton or Waikerie during ordinary business hours at no charge.

Copies of this Policy will also be available from Councils website: www.loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au or postal copies may be obtained from the Council Office free of charge.

G. Document history and version control

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