

# UPGRADING OF UNSEALED RURAL ROADS TO A HIGHER STANDARD POLICY

## (COMMUNITY POLICY)

### 1. Scope:

This Policy applies to all unsealed rural roads under the jurisdiction of Rockhampton Regional Council.

### 2. Purpose:

Council receives requests to upgrade unsealed rural roads to a higher standard at the applicant's expense. This Policy:

- provides a consistent assessment of such requests;
- ensures construction is in accordance with the Design Standards for Roads Guideline – Appendix 1 Main Geometric Standards for Unsealed Roads; and
- details the conditions under which Council will undertake works to upgrade these roads.

### 3. Related Documents:

#### Primary

Nil

#### Secondary

*Local Government Act 2009*

ARRB Group Unsealed Roads Manual – Guidelines to Good Practice (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition March 2009)

Design Standards for Roads Guideline – Appendix 1 Main Geometric Standards for Unsealed Roads

### 4. Definitions:

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Authorised Officer	means the Chief Executive Officer of the Council or a person delegated by the Chief Executive Officer as being authorised
Council	Rockhampton Regional Council

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Road	Has the same meaning as road in the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
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## 5. Policy Statement:

### Consideration and the Granting of Approvals

Council will consider requests and may grant approval for the upgrading of an unsealed road to a higher standard on the understanding that:

- All gravel necessary to surface the road is to be supplied by the applicant at their expense. The gravel should be placed in a readily accessible stockpile not more than 5km from the road to be upgraded.
- Should the existing carriageway width be insufficient for the upgraded road classification, the applicant shall pay for any formation widening required;
- Any drainage, drainage structures or roadside furniture required to meet the standards of the upgraded road classification shall be installed at the applicant's expense.
- Council will cart all gravel from the stockpile to the road to be upgraded.
- Council will spread and compact the gravel on the road surface and will trim the road surface to meet all requirements set out for cross sectional elements in the Design Standards for Roads Guideline – Appendix 1 Main Geometric Design Standards for Unsealed Roads.
- Council will undertake these works at a time suitable to Council's overall maintenance program.
- Following completion of the works to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer, Council will only maintain the road to the standard of its original operational classification as detailed in the Design Standards for Roads Guideline – Appendix 1 Main Geometric Design Standards for Unsealed Roads. If the applicant wishes Council to maintain the road to its upgraded standard, the applicant must enter into a maintenance agreement with Council.

## 6. Review Timelines:

This Policy is reviewed when any of the following occur:

1. The related information is amended or replaced; or
2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Council

## 7. Responsibilities:

Sponsor	Chief Executive Officer
Business Owner	General Manager Regional Services
Policy Owner	Strategic Manager Civil Operations
Policy Quality Control	Corporate Improvement and Strategy

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