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INTRODUCTION:

There are a number of properties within the Region where dwellings are situated in relatively close proximity to unsealed sections of roads and as a result of these circumstances, suffer considerable dust ingress.

Council will at the property owner's expense, seal a minimum of 100 meters of gravel road in front of the property.

The length of seal is to be negotiated with the land owner, given that they should be in the best position to assess prevailing conditions. However Council will construct wherever possible, a 7 metre seal for class 3 roads and a 6 metre seal for class 4 and 5 roads, to maximize the benefit of the seal to the property owner and to minimize edge breaks and deterioration of the seal.

This policy applies to all requests made to Council for the application of seals in front of residences in close proximity to unsealed rural roads under the care and control of the North Burnett Regional Council.

OBJECTIVES:

To provide property owners with the guidelines for the sealing of unsealed rural roads, under the care and control of Council, to minimise dust.

PRINCIPLES:

The sealing of Council's maintained gravel roads is to be considered in circumstances where Council considers that there is a reasonable dust problem for the resident/property owner, and where the property owner is prepared to make a 100% contribution of the cost to construct and seal the offending section of road.

The minimum length that Council will construct is 100 metres.

Council will consult with the property owner in relation to the length of seal required to overcome the dust problem, however Council will construct the road to a standard that is consistent with the speed environment of the road where the seal is being applied. Wherever practical, Class 3 roads will be sealed to 7.0 metres wide and class 4 and 5 roads to 6.0 metres wide.

All construction costs are to be met by the property owner.

All future maintenance work will be at Council's expense except where damage can be contributed to the property owner.

Requests for the sealing of gravel roads are to be made to Council in writing. A responsible officer of Council will meet with the property owner, or their representative, to discuss the extent of seal and possible timing of the works. Following that meeting, Council will formally respond to the applicant, advising of its consideration of the request, and if work is planned to proceed, the cost of the works. Council's estimate will be fixed for a period of 60 days from the date of formal notification.

This policy does not relate to the sealing of driveways. Council is prepared to quote and to undertake this work at the same time as Council's gravel road is sealed.