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Objective

1. To provide clarity on the proposed extension of the bitumen sealed network within the region.
2. To define criteria for the provision of bitumen seals on urban and rural gravel roads where adjoining property owners request some action to reduce or remove the nuisance of dust on their property.
3. This policy will assist Council in achieving Theme 4, Goal 4.1 of the Community Plan, 'Connecting our Region High Quality Road Network that is Safe and Efficient'.

Legislative requirements

- Roads Act 1993

Related policies and plans

- The Roads Asset Management plan
- Delivery Plan

Policy

Council will review its seal extension program on an annual basis taking into account available funds and determine its forward program (if any) in conjunction with the Community Plan, Delivery Program and Roads Asset Management Plan.

Only seal extension projects that have been approved by Council and are included in the Delivery Plan within the current financial year will have certainty of being undertaken. Those thereafter will be reviewed subject to further funding, road traffic analysis, and road conditions as determined in the Delivery Program and Roads Asset Management Plan.

Council will consider the sealing of a maintained gravel road when a contribution is made by resident(s) or property owner(s) for the cost of the seal. Council will contribute by preparing the road surface for seal. A quotation will be provided on application.

Council will not provide small isolated strips of bitumen sealing, a minimum length of 100m is required and the full width of the road is to be sealed.

Council will consider requests for bitumen sealing of unsealed roads under the following conditions:

- That the property owner/s meet the cost of sealing and Council meet the cost of gravelling and preparation of the pavement below the seal.

- Payments are made in full prior to works commencing
- Provided that the minimum length of an isolated strip is not less than 100 metres and the full width of road is sealed.
- That the application is made on the attached form.
- Council will only consider up to five applications in any one financial year.
- Access to properties are required be sealed from the edge of the bitumen seal for a minimum distance of 2m or to the property boundary.
- Bitumen sealing projects will be programmed to be undertaken when Council resources are available.

All bitumen sealing requests will require Council resolution to proceed.

Ongoing maintenance of constructed bitumen seal will be with Council.

Maintenance activities on the sealed network will be at the discretion of the General Manager and undertaken in consideration of the entirety of the road network in conjunction with the Delivery Plan and Road Asset Management Plan.