

10.3 Unmaintained Zimmer Lane Gulgong - Request to be maintained

REPORT BY THE WORKS TECHNICAL OFFICER
TO 15 JUNE 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Works Technical Officer on the Unmaintained Zimmer Lane Gulgong - Request to be maintained;
2. add 1km Zimmer Lane to the Roads Asset Management Plan as a maintained road; and
3. add an additional 250m of Ridout Lane to the Roads Asset Management Plan as a maintained road.

Executive summary

Council have received numerous letters and complaints from residents of Zimmer Lane in recent years requesting maintenance be carried out to the lane.

It is recommended to carry out works as there are 4 residences currently and a 5th development application approved, and hence will align with Council's Unmaintained and Unformed Road Policy, and the lane is in an area undergoing development.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Council receives many requests for grading of currently unmaintained sections of public road reserve. Most of these requests receive a written response advising of Councils Unmaintained and Unformed Roads Policy. Some people on reading the policy then formally request the road to be considered for inclusion as maintained roads as per the policy. These requests are then reported to Council.

Zimmer Lane is 1km in length and runs between Grimshaw Lane and Ridout Lane. The lane currently has 4 residences and a 5th development application approval and therefore will meet the policy requirements once the dwelling is constructed. This report is recommending that Council approve, Zimmer Lane being added to the current maintained roads schedule. The grading frequency to be a 24 monthly cycle. There is a 250m section of Ridout Lane that is currently unmaintained that links Zimmer Lane with the maintained section of Ridout Lane, hence it is also recommended to include this section as a maintained road.

It is estimated that it will cost \$81,000 to install pipes, form and sheet the 1.25km to bring Zimmer Lane and Ridout Lane up to the required standard.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Connecting Our Region
Goal	High quality road network that is safe and efficient
Strategy	Provide a roads network that balances asset conditions with available resources and community needs

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

The Roads Asset Management Plan details Councils existing roads network and costs associated with maintaining the network compared to current annual budgets.

Council Policies

It is the intent of Council's Unmaintained and Unformed Roads Policy that Council will not undertake works on the unmaintained road network.

However, the policy also states;

Roads will only be added to the maintained list after consideration by Council and taking into account the cost to bring the road up to a minimum standard (as defined in the Road Asset Management Plan), ongoing maintenance costs and the impact on the total roads program.

Sections of Council road reserve that service less than 5 permanent residences will not be considered for addition to the maintained road list, noting that historically, there are maintained roads within the local government area that do not meet this requirement.

Legislation

Roads Act 1993

Financial implications

The following indicative costs will be required to bring the road up to standard, followed by grading every 2nd year. The figures below are based on general rates allowing for general earthworks, drainage works and pavement construction from a local gravel source and finishing with a grade.

Zimmler Lane and 250m of Ridout Lane initial cost to bring road up to standard is \$81,000 and the annual grading cost assuming a grade every second year is \$1430.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2022/23	✓	-	✗
Future Years	✓	-	✗

Associated Risks

Nil

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Attachments: 1. Zimmer Lane & Ridout Lane Map.

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