

	CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL POLICY	
	Road Dust Sealing Request Management	POLICY REF NO CHRCP: 0019

1.0 Policy Purpose

- 1.1. This policy provides council and its administration with the principles and guidelines to carry out works on council maintained unsealed roads to minimise public concerns related from dust nuisance. The policy also permits council to accept monetary contributions from residents to allow self-funding of dust sealing of unsealed gravel roads, subject to conditions outlined within this policy.
- 1.2. This Policy does not apply to a road opening or upgrade that is subject to a development application and is only limited to requests that relate to specific benefits for the applicant. All other requests will be managed through the assessment process in accordance with the Asset Management Plans.

2.0 Policy Statement

- 2.1. Council recognises that residents living in houses located along unsealed roads in the district may prefer the section of roadway within the immediate vicinity of their houses to be sealed to reduce dust blowing onto their property and particularly their house.
- 2.2. To enable the service to be provided, council is committed to ensuring a fair and transparent process in considering requests for dust suppression treatment of unsealed council roads. The sealing of roads under this policy will be at the rate payer's costs.
- 2.3. Council manages its road investment decisions through its adopted Asset Management Plan which ensures the projects contribute to the need and benefits of the wider Community. Requests of a general nature that provide benefit to the community are prioritised on the basis documented in the Asset Management Plan. Requests for road upgrades such as bitumen sealing for mitigation of dust impacts will be assessed in accordance with this Policy.

3.0 Content

- 3.1. The decision to approve the sealing of a short section of a gravel road for the purpose of dust suppression will be made by council based on the following factors:
 - (i) Direct benefit of the applicant and the project is not included in council's long-term capital works program
 - (ii) Applicant is required to fund full cost of the works
 - (iii) The extent of the works to meet council's duty of care will be solely at the discretion of council.

4.0 Costs

- 4.1. The voluntary self-funded dust seal cost will include the dust seal as well as formation reconstruction, pavement reconstruction and drainage reconstruction where necessary. Council

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will provide a cost estimate for the works prior to commencement however, the final costs of the works will be based on actual costs upon completion.

- 4.2. Council's cost estimate will be calculated using all appropriate overhead costs (i.e. on costs) however, council will not seek a profit from the delivery of the dust seal.
- 4.3. Council will not make any contribution to the works unless an allocation has been provided for in the current management plans budget allocation for unspecified dust sealing works. Nor will council accept any offer that is conditional upon council making a contribution.
- 4.4. The priority decisions of council's works program will be made without regard to the potential or otherwise of a contribution under this policy.

5.0 Conditions and Obligations

- 5.1. The voluntary self-funded contributor will not have any authority or exercise any rights over the works by council during or after construction.
- 5.2. Payment for cost of the works will be made prior to commencement of works and will be based on the cost estimate provided. Final costs shall be reconciled at completion of the works. Either party, as necessary, will adjust payment within 30 days of notification of final costs.
- 5.3. Prior to council undertaking the work it will be necessary for the landholder to sign and execute an agreement prepared by Council confirming the conditions and obligations of this policy.

6.0 Definitions

TERM	DEFINITION
CEO	means the Chief Executive Officer.
Council	means the Central Highlands Regional Council.
The Act	means the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (Qld) (as amended).
The Regulation	means the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> (as amended).

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