



Rural Roads Access & Notification

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to standardise practices in relation to rural roads in order to ensure consistency across the shire.

Definitions

Council:	Carrathool Shire Council
Culvert:	tunnel carrying a stream or open drain under a road or railway.
Fire permit:	permit obtained from the Rural Fire Service required for burning activities during the bushfire danger period.
Landholders:	owners of land
Rabbit harbour:	warrens or surface shelter, such as dense vegetation, fallen logs, farm refuse, old machinery and rock piles.
Rural access culvert:	tunnel carrying a stream or open drain under an access road to a rural property
Statutory bushfire period:	statutory bushfire danger period runs from 1 October to 31 March, however it may vary due to local conditions.

Reference

eg: Legislation, Australian Standards and Codes of Practice

Policy statements

1. Roads Burning off & rabbit harbour destruction along

That Council employees be instructed to notify landholders when burning off or rabbit harbour destruction operations are carried out on roads adjoining their properties and obtain a permit during the statutory bushfire period.

2. Rural Access Culverts

- 2.1 That Council is responsible for providing and installing an access culvert at one entrance only to each property, where necessary.
- 2.2 That the full cost of supply and installation, if done by Shire, in addition to that provided in (2.1) i.e. if the landowner requires more than one entrance to the property, landholder is required to meet whole cost of extra entrance.
- 2.3 That where existing entrances to any property, or part of a property, have been rendered unsuitable by Council action, Council then restore the access at Council's cost.
- 2.4 That where the new entrances are required as a result of a subdivision, then the owner is to be responsible for providing these entrances at their own cost.
- 2.5 That the sightings of all extra entrances are subject to negotiation with the Director Infrastructure Services and that contentious cases are to be referred to Council.

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Revision Table

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0658 / 15.04.2014		New policy combining Policy 47 and 48.
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Associated Documents

Local Roads Hierarchy

Review

This policy may be amended from time to time and will be reviewed within four years of its adoption (or latest amendment) with reference to any relevant legislation and best practice guides.