



Mineral Exploration on Roads

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to specify the conditions under which applications for exploration drilling on road reserves can be approved.

Definitions

Council:	Carrathool Shire Council
Indemnify:	secure against legal responsibility for their actions.
Road reserve:	is the area between the properties, eg. footpath, nature strip, kerb, and road surface. In rural areas, this also includes from fence to fence

Reference

Mining ACT 1992

Petroleum (On shore) ACT 1991

Policy statements

That approval of applications for exploration drilling on road reserves be delegated to staff under the following conditions:

1. Each drill hole will be at least 6.2 metres from the formed section of the roadway construction and roadside drainage.
2. The equipment to be used will be a self propelled truck mounted drilling rig and will not interfere with passing traffic.
3. There will be no interference with standing timber, road supports or drainage.
4. The applicant will refrain from drilling in any area which will interfere with gates or other access to neighbouring properties to and from the respective roads and no drilling will take place within 6.2 metres of property gates, fence openings and other accesses.
5. The applicant will cover the drill hole immediately drilling has been completed and left unfilled whilst the holes remain unattended.
6. Each drill hole will be refilled as soon as possible after sinking.
7. The area surrounding each hole will be repaired and restored so far as possible to its natural state and condition.
8. The applicant is to indemnify the Carrathool Shire Council against any loss or damage to the road formation or drainage works or any action proceeding, claim or demand of any nature against Council as a result of any work done by the holders under the authority to enter.

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9. A deposit, of an amount to be determined by staff in each case, is to be lodged with the Council for every hole dug, of which an amount, to be determined by Staff in each case, is to be an inspection fee and the remainder to be refunded to the applicant if Council is satisfied with the restoration work done.
10. Council be informed of each application, whether approved or denied.

Revision Table

Minute /Date	Amendment Summary	Reason or Reference
0406 / 23.04.1985		
4170 / 20.01.2004		
0658 / 15.04.2014		Reaffirmed and Reformatted
0741 / 16.10.2018		Amended

Associated Documents

Nil

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.