



District Council of
ORROROO
CARRIETON

FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION POLICY

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Related Documents:	Austrroads Guide to Road Design Infrastructure Guidelines SA

1. Preamble

1. The Council requires clear policy to ensure consistency and efficiency when undertaking its footpath capital works program. Likewise, clarity is required for property owners and contractors intending to make modifications to Council footpaths, including the construction of new driveway crossovers.
2. In accordance with Section 221 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (LG Act), a person must not make an alteration to a public road unless authorised to do so by the Council. Requests for the construction of a Driveway Crossovers is made via the Council form *Authorisation to Alter a Public Road*. This Policy will assist in assessing the applications for permits pursuant to Section 221.
3. Section 218 of the LG Act also enables the Council to recover the whole or an agreed contribution to the cost of specified works and if the Council carries out roadworks to repair damage, the Council may recover the cost of carrying out the work, as a debt, from the person who caused the damage. This Policy will also assist in determining the circumstances where the Council will seek recovery of costs.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. This policy provides clear direction for the construction and reconstruction of footpaths and driveway crossovers and is important to ensure consistency and efficiency in the delivery of those works. Footpaths are a key aspect of streetscapes throughout the townships and an important component of the Council's civil infrastructure, footpaths play an important part in creating a quality place to live, work and visit.

3. Scope

- 3.1. This Policy is designed to help guide general direction with regard to the construction of footpaths.
- 3.2. This Policy does not deal with detailed design and construction specifications for footpaths or driveway crossovers as that detail is provided in separate specification documents (Infrastructure Guidelines SA). Those documents take into account the need and desirability of designing for access and mobility.
- 3.3. This Policy does not deal with the use and occupation of footpaths. Separate policies and by-laws deal with uses such as outdoor dining, outdoor trading, display of moveable signs and busking on footpaths.
- 3.4. This Policy also does not deal with the maintenance of footpaths, such as sweeping programs or similar.

4. Definitions

- 4.1. CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton.
- 4.2. Council means the Elected Body.
- 4.3. Driveway crossover means the continuation of a private driveway onto the Council verge to the street.
- 4.4. District Council of Orroroo Carrieton Administration (DCOC) means the administration.
- 4.5. LG Act means the Local Government Act 1999.
- 4.6. Pedestrian access walkway means any additional walkway surface on Council verge.

6.1.7 The number and width of driveway crossovers should be minimised where practicable. Driveway crossovers have the potential to have a negative impact on a streetscape reducing available space for street trees, parking capacity and interrupting otherwise continuous footpaths.

6.1.8 Provide and manage clear, safe and unobstructed footpath access where achievable for pedestrians of all abilities.

6.2 Footpath Construction and Reconstruction

6.2.1 Other than in precincts where a different paving treatment has been specified in a Council endorsed document, all footpaths are required to be constructed and reconstructed using either a rectangular interlocking concrete block paver or in standard concrete. Refer to Infrastructure Guidelines SA.

6.2.2 In residential streets, the width of footpaths constructed shall be 1.5 metres where possible, commencing 300mm from the property boundary in general.

6.2.3 In locations of heavy pedestrian usage such as major shopping areas, the minimum width of footpaths constructed shall where possible be 2 metres.

6.2.4 Driveway crossovers are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner.

6.2.5 When reconstruction or construction of a footpaths is undertaken by Council, all existing driveway crossovers within the works, constructed from standard in-situ concrete or standard block paving, and which are in good condition, will be retained.

6.2.6 Notification by Council of programed footpath works by letter or email to landowners will occur advising of footpath works.

6.2.7 When reconstruction of footpaths is undertaken by the Council, all existing "pedestrian access walkways" located within the verge will be removed and not reconstructed.

6.3 Double and Second Driveway Crossovers

6.3.1 Where physically and legally possible, every property is entitled to at least a single driveway crossover.

6.3.2 Other than where required to provide access to an approved development, double crossover and/or second crossover units, will only be permitted where there is sufficient space preserved for two on-street car parking spaces along each relevant street frontage adjacent the property and all necessary clearances can be achieved from corners, fire plugs, street trees, bus shelters and stops, side entry pits, other traffic control devices, etc, as set out below:

- a) an on-street car parking space is 6.0m in length;
- b) the minimum distance from a corner to a driveway crossover shall be 6.0 metres, taken from the kerb line at the point where the kerb straightens
- c) the minimum distance from a stobie pole or side entry pit shall be 1.0 metre; and
- d) the minimum distance from a bus stop or shelter shall comply with Austroads Guide to Road Design.

7. Review Approach

This Policy will be reviewed by the Council following each Periodic Election or as otherwise determined by the Council.

8. Consultation

No consultation required on the Policy.

9. Risk Management

Financial – this policy supports Council’s commitment to ensure that Council’s resources are used fairly, effectively and efficiently.

10. Implementation/Delegations

The Chief Executive Officer is delegated authority to implement this Policy.