

2.30 Dust Suppression

POLICY TITLE: DUST SUPPRESSION

FILE REF: SC234

EXPIRY DATE: JULY 2026

OBJECTIVES

To provide a documented framework and guidance mechanism to enable public application, and Council assessment and financial assistance towards requests for dust sealing works on unsealed public roads within the Lockhart Shire.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy applies to requests received by Council, concerning occupied residential dwellings situated within 100m of an unsealed gravel road of which Council is the Authority. It relates to the possible periodic allocation by Council of funding assistance towards the cost of upgrading and sealing sections of unsealed road lengths. Such treatment being for the purpose of reducing nuisance dust, generated by passing vehicular traffic.

To provide relief and assistance to local residents suffering the adverse effects of dust from unsealed roads, Council may make provisions available within its annual budget to fund up to half the cost of sealing short sections of roadway adjacent to such properties. Residents seeking to undertake such sealing works and wishing to avail themselves of Council's financial assistance towards the costs, shall be required to provide such request to Council. All requests must be received in writing and shall include a firm commitment by the proponent to meet at least half the cost of the requested works.

Council will maintain a register of all requests received throughout the year, from eligible applicants. All such applications received during the year or previous years will then be considered by Council during the deliberation and development of its annual management plan. The relative priority and funding merit of applications will be assessed by Council using the following criteria:

1. Number of affected residences within proximity
2. Direction from the road/prevaling winds
3. Distance from dwelling to the road
4. Road traffic volumes
5. Road classification
6. Health issues.

Based upon this assessment process, and with due consideration of its overall budgeting constraints, a determination will be made as to which, if any, applications will be financially assisted by Council.

Notwithstanding the above assistance policy, Council will endeavour to allow the private undertaking of sealing and/or other dust suppressant activities on roads under its control, to assist affected property owners meet the above objectives. This being provisional upon all such undertakings receiving the prior written approval of Council's Director of Engineering or delegate with regards the type of treatment to be used and the method in which the works are to be undertaken.

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