

# Policy



## STRATEGIC/GOVERNANCE

# SEALING OF GRAVEL ROADS

## Head of Power

*Local Government Act 2009*

*Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*

*Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*

### Key Supporting Council Document

Lockyer Valley Regional Council Corporate Plan (2017-2022):

Lockyer planned - Plan, design and deliver essential infrastructure for roads, drainage, walkways and cycle paths for connectivity across the region.

## Definitions

The *Local Government Act 2009* (section 59 (2) and (3)) states:

A road is—

- (a) an area of land that is dedicated to public use as a road; or
- (b) an area of land that—
  - (i) is developed for, or has as 1 of its main uses, the driving or riding of motor vehicles and;
  - (ii) is open to, or used by, the public; or
- (c) a footpath or bicycle path; or
- (d) a bridge, culvert, ford, tunnel or viaduct.

(3) However, a road does not include—

- (a) State-controlled road; or
- (b) public thoroughfare easement.

## Policy Objective

The purpose of this policy is to outline Lockyer Valley Regional Council (Council) approach to dealing with dust suppression requests regarding Council's gravel roads.

## Policy Statement

Council is committed to providing Lockyer Valley residents with safe roads, in accordance with road construction and management best practice while being financially responsible.

Council will consider requests from Lockyer Valley residents regarding dust suppression based on the following criteria, but not limited to;

- Gravel road maintenance savings to Council
- Number of property accesses per kilometre
- Number of vehicles travelling on the road per day
- Number and type of historic crashes on the road per annum
- Council's ability to fund the proposed project
- The priority of the proposed project when assessed alongside other projects.
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This policy applies to all unsealed (gravel) public roads under the care and control of Council that form part of Council's maintained road network as reflected in the asset register.

This policy does not apply to privately owned roads or roads that Council does not currently maintain.

In some cases, and entirely at Council's discretion, Council will consider a request for sealing of a gravel road up to a length of 200 metres where the applicant is prepared to make a contribution of 50% of the total cost of the construction work.

This policy does not apply to work that is subject to the conditions of a Development Application Approval.

Council reserves the right to recover costs incurred under the application of this policy, which would otherwise have required the owner/applicant to construct a sealed section of road where any dust suppression works were constructed, as part of any subsequent Development Approval.

## Related Documents

Sealing of Gravel Roads Procedure