

INTRODUCTION

Council regularly receives requests from community members for the sealing of gravel roads. Consideration of the circumstances for the request must be undertaken and a logical criteria available for assessment of the merits of the request. By utilising criteria a logical, informed decision can be made to either grant or deny the request.

OBJECTIVE

To provide criteria for use in the consideration of requests from community groups to upgrade Council roads from gravel to bitumen.

POLICY STATEMENT

Design specifications for new or upgraded roads in the Shire of Capel shall conform to the 'Austroads Guide to Road Design (GRD) Part 3' as modified from time to time by the applicable Main Roads Western Australia Supplement. Council's minimum design specification for sealed roads is defined as a 'Single Carriageway, Two-lane, Rural & Outer Urban High Speed Road'.

Application for reconstruction of an existing road to a new standard (unsealed to sealed) must be submitted by a community group and not an individual. The community group must consist of a minimum of ten persons who are serviced by the subject road. Council will determine the forecast rate of usage of the subject road at the end of the design period (generally 20 years). If the count exceeds 150 passenger car equivalents (PCE) per day, Council will consider the requested improvements to the road geometry and surface.

POLICY APPLICATION

The policy relates to requests by community groups for the upgrade of existing gravel roads, excluding sub-divisional applications, to bituminous roads.

Procedure: E7.6 – Road Seal Criteria	
Originating Section: Director Infrastructure & Development	Relevant Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 1995, s2.7(2) (b)</i>
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