



BOROONDARA
City of Harmony

Vehicular Crossings Policy

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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of the Vehicular Crossover Policy is to provide overarching principles and goals, objectives and strategic initiatives intended to guide future actions related to the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and removal of vehicular crossings at residential, commercial and industrial sites.

The application of this policy will enable appropriately situated and constructed vehicular access between the road pavement and the private property.

1.2. Scope

This policy provides the framework for decisions to be made under Clause 12 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and the Amenity Local Law for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and removal of vehicular crossings at residential, commercial and industrial sites.

2. Background

In August 2005, Council adopted the Vehicular Crossings Policy for Individual Residential Property Titles.

As part of the on-going review of existing policies, this policy has been reviewed to consider and reflect changes to related policies and industry practice since 2005.

3. Policy statement

The Local Government Act 1989 (clause 12 of Schedule 10 - Powers concerning crossings over footpaths and channels) empowers Council to permit the construction of vehicle crossings, the maintenance, repair or reconstruction of crossings.

On Council controlled land, any decision to grant a permit for the construction of vehicle crossings, the maintenance, repair or reconstruction of crossings will be made in accordance with the Amenity Local Law. This local law requires that a person must not, without a permit or licence, cause any change to Council controlled land or anything on it or remove anything from Council controlled land.



It is policy that:

- crossings may only be installed, altered or removed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and any and all relevant Acts and Local Laws
- the following criteria are considered when assessing a driveway crossover application:
 - prevent inappropriate loss of significant street trees, vegetation and landscaping
 - prevent unnecessary loss of on-street car parking
 - control the impact of crossings on utility infrastructure, street furniture and other assets
 - control the impact of crossings on the visual amenity of streetscapes by avoiding their excessive dominance
 - effect on traffic conditions
 - protect the safety and amenity of pedestrians and motorists
- the Chief Executive Officer or his or her delegate will develop procedures for the management of vehicular crossings within the municipality.

There are a number of key parameters which are assessed as part of the vehicular crossing application. Two parameters considered fundamental in the decision making process are:

- the maximum width of a residential crossing is 4.5m
- a minimum distance of 10.8m must be maintained between the radials or splays of two crossings servicing one property to accommodate two on-street parking spaces in front of that property.

Wherever practicable, a minimum distance of 1.0m should be maintained between the edge of a crossing and the adjacent property boundary.

4. Implementation and monitoring

4.1. Accountabilities

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The responsible department coordinates the implementation, maintenance and review of this policy, arranging for the policy to be made available on Council's website and hard copies at Council offices and libraries to ensure stakeholders are aware of their accountabilities.

5. References

5.1. Related documents

Local Government Act 1989

Amenity Local Law 2009