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CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS - ASSET OPERATIONS

POLICY OBJECTIVES

To ensure the construction and maintenance of vehicular and access crossings to Council's levels and specifications.

To remove unauthorised vehicular and access crossings.

POLICY STATEMENT

- 1 Full cost of construction and maintenance of access crossings is the responsibility of the landowner whose property is served.
- 2 Any approved crossings interfered with by either road construction, reconstruction works or maintenance works will be restored at Council's expense. Council will not accept responsibility for restoration of any unauthorised crossing.
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 - a Council does not tolerate the obstruction of drains or gutters with any objects used by the occupier to obtain access and any structure of this nature is considered unauthorised.
 - b Unauthorised crossings will be removed by Council staff after the occupier of the property is given 28 days notice in writing.
 - c Where the occupier takes no action to install an authorised crossing following proper notice being given and subsequently gains access to the property with an unauthorised crossing which obstructs or restricts the drain in any way, Council Officers may remove the obstruction without any further notice to the land owner.
- 4 Concrete paved access crossings will only be approved where kerb and gutter exists.
- 5 Where an existing concrete access crossing is incorrectly located, the landowner is responsible for the cost of reinstating the obsolete crossing as well as construction of the new crossing.
- 6 All access crossings should be constructed at right angles to the kerb or pavement edge unless permission is granted to the contrary, in special circumstances.
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 - a Piped crossings are to be a minimum width of 4.8 metres with a maximum as approved by Council's Access Inspector. Single concrete access crossings will be a maximum 3.5 metres and double crossings are to be a maximum width of 4.5 metres in their respective openings.
 - b Except in special circumstances, Council will not permit more than one (1) access crossing for each property.

- 8 Landslips caused by lack of adequate retaining walls in earth banks or cuttings in access crossings are the responsibility of the land owner. Damage caused to the road or any other public utility or the public itself from these landslips or any other feature of any unauthorised access crossing are the land owner's responsibility.
- 9 The entire access crossing construction will be restricted to within the confines of the property frontage along the Council road reserve. Exemptions will only be made in special circumstances by Council's Access Overseer.
- 10 Any modifications required to existing structures to enable construction of an access crossing will require a design by a qualified engineer to be submitted to Council for approval prior to any works being undertaken. All costs associated with these works are the responsibility of the property owner.

DEFINITIONS

An access crossing in this policy will mean that section of access from the edge of the pavement or kerb and gutter to the property boundary.

"Approved" access crossings are those either constructed by Council or constructed by the owner to Council's levels and specifications after gaining formal approval to construct a vehicular access.

"Unauthorised" access crossings are those either -

- 1 constructed without prior permission and/or not in accordance with Council's levels or specifications; or
- 2 creating an obstruction to a road or stormwater drain.

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