

# CROWN ROADS MAINTENANCE POLICY

<b>Responsible Department:</b>	Infrastructure Delivery
<b>Responsible Section:</b>	Road Services
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Road Services

## Objective

The objective of this policy is to outline Councils position in relation to the maintenance of the Crown Roads.

## Introduction

Crown roads generally provide lawful access to freehold and leasehold land where little or no subdivision has occurred since the original Crown subdivision of NSW, early in the nineteenth century.

These roads are part of the State's public road network, and the majority have not been formed or constructed. Crown public roads are managed under the Roads Act 1993, as are all other public roads in the State.

Only the Minister may, by order published in the Gazette, transfer a specified Crown Road to another roads authority (i.e. Council), and then only by agreement.

## Definitions

Term	Meaning
<b>Crown Roads</b>	A road that is vested in the Crown which is owned and managed by the State Government.

## Policy

- 1.1. Council will not routinely maintain Crown Roads within its local government area.
- 1.2. Should a landholder receiving the benefit of the Crown Road wish Council to perform work on the Crown Road, they must apply to Council.
- 1.3. Before applying, the landholder must obtain permission from the relevant NSW Government Department for the work.
- 1.4. The General manager may approve Council involvement in the works provided that:
  - (a) The work falls within Council's operational plan;
  - (b) Council has the capacity to perform the work without adversely impacting planned operations; and
  - (c) The landowner enters into a Private Works Agreement for Council to undertake the work as a 'one off' project.

## References

- *Roads Act 1993* (NSW).

## History

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Description of Change</b>
735/2008	November 2008	Adopted
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