

1 PURPOSE

This policy provides guidance in the assessment of requests from residents to address dust nuisance concerns arising from traffic activity on unsealed rural roads managed by Council and identifies a tiered approach to mitigation actions that can be used to address dust nuisance concerns.

2 OBJECTIVE

To document a consistent approach to assessing requests to address localised dust nuisances within the unsealed rural road network.

3 SCOPE

This policy applies to all unsealed rural roads managed by Council.

4 POLICY

4.1 Assessment of Requests to Address Dust Nuisance

Officers will assess each request related to dust nuisance received by inspecting the site and applying the following criteria to an assessment matrix.

- a) Traffic volume.
- b) Seasonality of traffic or traffic generation activity.
- c) Nature of traffic.
- d) Function of the road.
- e) Safety.
- f) Proximity of dwellings to the road.
- g) Number of dwellings along a particular section of road e.g. a cluster of dwellings.

Should the assessment result in the threshold score being achieved, the section of unsealed rural road abutting the residences will be included as a project for consideration in the development of the capital works program in the next financial year.

4.2 Dust Nuisance - Mitigation Options

Where the assessment detailed in 4.1 results in a score less than the threshold score, the following mitigation options will be considered as a means to address the dust nuisance

- a) Use of low dust materials in resurfacing works.
- b) Lowering vehicle speeds: The speed limit on unsealed rural roads has been reduced to 80km/hr. For specific road uses that are temporary in nature, speed limitations for specific vehicles, e.g. heavy vehicles may be negotiated as part of approvals for specific operations.
- c) Watering of the road: Short-term solution typically used for situations where a road will be used for a short period for a specific activity, e.g. road construction.
- d) Dust suppression products: Used to mitigate dust issues where traffic volumes are relatively high, but localised sealing of a road is not justifiable.

5 LEGISLATION

Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

6 RELATED DOCUMENTS

Assessment matrix

Policy Endorsement	
Responsibility:	It is the responsibility of the Director Works and Services to facilitate the implementation of this policy and review its content from time to time. It is the responsibility of the Governance Unit to maintain this policy in the corporate document framework.
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