

TENTERFIELD SHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY STATEMENT



HEADING:

Dust Abatement Policy

MEETING ADOPTED AND RESOLUTION NO.:

23 August 2017

168/17

HISTORY OF DOCUMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:

22 February 2012 61/12

25 September 2013 341/13

Objective

To provide an equitable option for property owners to upgrade a gravel road to seal thereby reducing problems caused by dust from public roads.

Policy Statement

Dust abatement on gravel roads is the sealing of short sections of road for the benefit of property owners with houses near the road, to reduce the effects of dust caused by passing traffic.

The principal beneficiary of the dust abatement is the property owner submitting the application. The cost of installing and maintaining sealed sections of road is higher than that for gravel roads, therefore the owner is also responsible for all costs of the seal installation and any maintenance the sealed section of road requires, including reseals.

Council will pay for all preparation to the gravel to the standard normally carried out by Council for gravel road maintenance prior to sealing.

Inspections and Maintenance

Resealing is a process of applying a new seal over an existing one when the seal starts to fail, thus establishing a new surface. The property owner adjacent the seal is responsible for ensuring the sealed section is resealed when required. Where Council's inspection of its road network identifies a deteriorating section in need of resealing, the Council may advise the owner but is under no obligation to do so.

Council may, at its discretion, undertake routine patching maintenance at no cost to the property owner if there are other works in the area, but generally the cost of patching and all reseals remains the responsibility of the property owner.

Extent of Work and Costs

The minimum length of a dust abatement section is 100 metres, the width is that specified for the class of road in the current approved Road Network Management Plan. The applicant is responsible for determining what length of dust abatement that is carried out, depending on their budget.

Sealing works can be completed by either a contractor or following a request to Council.