

# Rural Addressing

*This fact sheet provides information on numbering of properties in rural areas.*

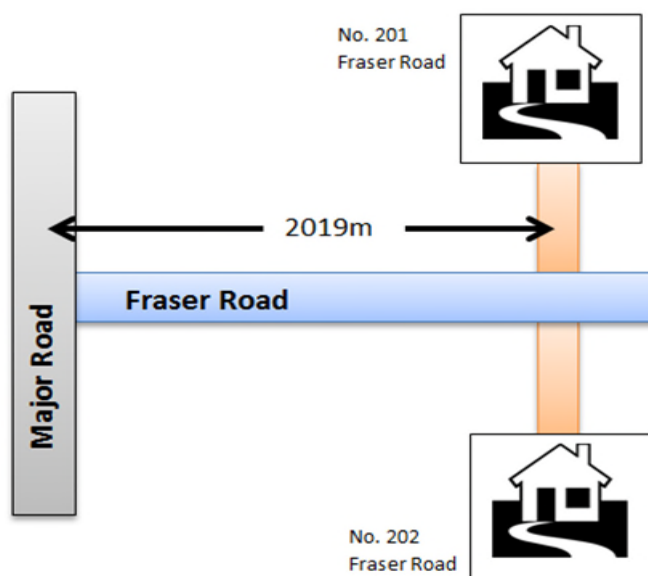
## What is rural addressing?

Rural Addressing is a property numbering system based on Australian Standard AS4819 (2011 edition) that ensures a consistent and easy to use system for locating properties in rural areas.

## How are addresses determined?

Rural addressing is based on the distance to the main property entry from the official start of the road. Generally in Australia, only your local government can assign you a street address.

The way Council determines the number is to measure the distance from the start of the road to the main property entry and divide that number by ten. This number is then rounded to the nearest odd number on the left hand side of the road, and the nearest even number on the right hand side of the road.



## Why do I need an address?

Your address is the formal method that a person would use to physically get to your property. Even if you use a PO Box, or live elsewhere, or have mail redirected, you still need a way to direct Emergency Services, tradesmen and friends to your property. Your address will tell them which road you are on, how far to drive down that road, and whether to look on the left or right hand side of the road for your entry.

Additionally, many service providers such as Ergon, Telstra, NBN, Real Estate, couriers and so forth have, or are, moving to identifying customers by their street address only. If you don't have a formal address, some of these organisations will refuse to connect you until you have one.

## Do I want an addressing post?

Fraser Coast Council does not make it mandatory to have a formal addressing post, supplied by Council, displayed at your property entry. You may choose to pay Council to install an approved style marker post at your entry at your discretion. If you do, this marker post becomes your asset, and it is your decision to remove or replace it in the future.

Regardless of whether an official marker post is installed or not, Council encourages you to install your own marker post, sign, letterbox, or some other method of displaying your street number, so that it is readily visible from the street and clearly identifies your entry.

## What must I do prior to applying for a rural addressing number?

### Does your property front a state controlled road?

You are required to seek approval for driveway access from the Department of Transport and Main Roads prior to applying for a rural addressing number.

Council will seek advice from the Department of Transport and Main Roads prior to advising of any number issued on state controlled roads.

Obtaining driveway access approval prior to requesting a number from Council will ensure there are no delays with the issue of a number.

### Does my property front a Council controlled road?

If you have not already done so, you may be required to complete an application for vehicle crossover. If there was already an existing driveway you may not need to apply.

If you are unsure please contact Council Customer Service Team and they will be able to direct you to the correct area.

The application for vehicle crossover (driveway) form can be found on Council's website ([link](#)).

### Have I applied for multiple dwellings on the property?

Council does require any owner of properties wishing to have multiple dwellings on the property to apply for approval. For more information on this please see Council's website ([link](#)).

## How to apply for a rural addressing number?

The owner of the property can complete an Application for Rural Addressing Form located on Council's website ([link](#)) or by completing this form at any of our Customer Service Centres.

For more detailed information, please visit <http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/urban-street-naming-numbering-rural-addressing/>