

Vehicle Crossover (Driveway)

FACT SHEET

A vehicle crossover is the area between the edge of the trafficked roadway and the property boundary used for vehicular property access.

Roads under the control of Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC)

Council is only responsible for managing crossovers on the local council road network. If vehicular access is required to a property from a State Controlled Road, contact will need to be made with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

What are the property owner's responsibilities?

The property owner is responsible for the construction, monitoring and ongoing maintenance of the crossover including any associated infrastructure such as kerb & channel, footpath, layback, table drains, pipes, culverts and headwalls, to ensure they remain in good condition and do not present a public safety hazard or cause a nuisance

Types of Crossovers

Vehicle crossovers on the local council road network must comply with Council's local laws, relevant standard drawings, and any permit conditions applied. Types of crossovers include:

- FC-230-01 (Residential kerbed)
- FC-230-02 (Commercial/Industrial with kerb)
- FC-230-03 (Rural with invert, pipe or box culvert)
- FC-230-04 (Residential kerbed with Swale Profile)

In cases where Council's standard vehicle crossover specifications are not achievable due to existing site constraints, the applicant will be required to submit a specific design for the crossover certified by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ), e.g. vehicle crossovers over watercourses or large drains, steep gradients, or cross falls.

The applicant accepts full responsibility for determining if the standard crossover is sympathetic to the surrounding environment and that it does not have an adverse impact on the amenity of the surrounding neighbourhood and Council Infrastructure.

It is important to note that vehicle crossovers must be considerate of the local drainage arrangements and not unduly inhibit any flow. In this regard, professional external engineering consultation may be required.

State Controlled Roads

For information contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) Bundaberg.
23 Quay St, Bundaberg QLD 4670
Phone: (07) 4154 0200
www.tmr.qld.gov.au

Permits

A Vehicle Crossover permit must be obtained from Council to construct a new and significant alterations to a vehicle crossover.

Application forms are available from your local Customer Service Centre or Council's website
www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/forms

Under Local Law 1, maintenance or repair of an existing crossover does not require a permit if it does not interfere with the road or its operation. However, all WH&S laws must be complied with including the requirement of a Traffic Management Plan.

General Construction and Maintenance

All construction or maintenance of vehicle crossovers must be performed in accordance with the Queensland Workplace Health and Safety Regulations, conditions of the Council permit and Local Laws.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I have two driveways to my property?

Generally, only one vehicle crossover is permitted for each property. However, if the combined width of both driveways is not greater than 30% of the total frontage, Council may permit a second crossover.

What if my driveway is damaged broken or unsafe?

It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain their driveway. Should this not occur, Council may issue a compliance notice under Local Law No. 4, Section 11, Compliance notice for vehicle crossovers and stormwater drainage. Consequences of noncompliance may also include a notice against the property.

Can I construct my own vehicle crossover?

A property owner can construct and maintain their own vehicle crossover provided all the conditions outlined in the associated Council Standard Drawings, Queensland Workplace Health and Safety Regulations, associated Council permit and Local Laws are complied with. Alternatively, a property owner can engage the services of a licensed contractor to complete these works.

What if there is a tree, infrastructure, or utility service in the way?

The location of a vehicle crossover should be planned so that it is clear of any existing infrastructure or vegetation. Significant trees, traffic islands and stormwater pits cannot be moved to suit vehicle crossovers.

The cost of any remedial works will be at the property owner's expense. Council may grant permission for the removal of some street trees if the proposal is in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy, but approval should be sought at the planning stage to determine eligibility from Council's Open Space Department.

Driveway setbacks from services:

- 1m clear of any stormwater pit
- 600mm clear of electrical pillar (green boy)
- 600mm clear of hydrant or service valve
- 500mm from street signs
- 1m clear of power/light poles (incl guywires)
- 2.5m clear of public transport infrastructure
- 1m clear of street trees or its canopy.

What surface types are allowed?

Several surface types are allowed including, concrete, pavers, spray seal, gravel, etc depending on the

situation. Refer to the standard drawing accompanying the application form.

What if my property is lower than the road?

Where the land is lower than the road surface, it is necessary to ensure that the first 1.5 metres of the access rises to kerb height to reduce the likelihood of stormwater entering the property. This will depend on the type of vehicle crossover used. The vehicle crossover will not stop stormwater overflow from entering the property if the property is naturally prone to it.

What if Council undertakes works on the road including table drain works that impact on my vehicle crossover?

Where a vehicle crossover has been constructed to the relevant standards, or in accordance with a design approved by a Council permit, **Council may replace or reinstate** the vehicle crossover to a compliant standard on completion of the works.

The responsibility for maintenance of the vehicle crossover then remains with the property owner. Where an access **has not been constructed** or is not constructed to Council standards, Council is under no obligation to construct or replace the existing property access.

What if a service provider (Telstra, NBN, Wide Bay Water) partially removes my driveway during their works?

These matters should be raised directly with the service provider.

Can I use a nib to access my property rather than remove the kerb?

Generally, nibs are no longer permitted. However, if the property owner can demonstrate that there is no other practical engineering solution to meet with the standard drawings, then contact should be made with Council's Infrastructure Services Department for advice.

If I am required to allow for stormwater, what size pipe or culvert do I need to provide?

The pipes or culverts must be provided in accordance with the standard drawings and be determined by the volume of water for the catchment area. Calculations for the sizing of pipes or culverts shall be carried out by a Registered Professional Engineer at the applicant's expense and shall be submitted with the application for approval by Council.

Further information

For further information, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 79 49 29.