



Unformed Roads

Purpose

This fact sheet outlines Council's policy position in relation to the maintenance and or construction of Unformed Roads.

What is an Unformed Road?

An unformed road is a road reserve that has no constructed road or no road assets that are maintained by Council. It can contain property access tracks or other infrastructure approved by Council through its local laws or by the State Government through a permit to occupy.

Council Obligations

Council possesses no statutory obligations under the *Local Government Act* or any other statute to upgrade or construct a road to a particular property for access purposes.

Should a landowner require access via an unformed road, the construction and maintenance of that access is the responsibility of the landowner.

Construction of a Property Access Track

A property access track is an informal track constructed by property owners for the primary purpose of providing access to their property.

A property owner may make an application in writing to Council to privately construct a property access track within an unformed road. The management and future maintenance of this track remains the responsibility of the applicant.

Maintenance or Repair of Unformed Roads

As unformed roads do not have a constructed road or road assets maintained by Council, road maintenance operations are not performed by Council in these areas.

Requests to Construct a Road

Requests for a road to be constructed either by Council or a property owner will be considered based on a series of factors set out within Council's Unformed Roads Policy.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Number of approved dwellings serviced;
- Wider community benefit;
- Legal and practical access;
- Topography, drainage and other constraints;
- Ongoing maintenance costs and resourcing;
- Cost/benefit, resourcing and priorities.

Where a road is properly constructed by the property owner to a standard acceptable to Council, consideration may be given to adopt the road as a Council asset and hence any ongoing maintenance. It is noted that this will require a higher standard of construction than that of a property access track.

Related Documents

Council's Unformed Roads Policy can be viewed by accessing www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/policies



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