



MOWING/SLASHING OF GRASSED AREAS UNDER COUNCIL MANAGEMENT POLICY

TITLE:	MOWING/SLASHING OF GRASSED AREAS UNDER COUNCIL MANAGEMENT POLICY
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INTENT

To provide a Policy under which officers can determine the limit of Council's maintenance activities with respect to roadside mowing/slashing.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are to:

- a) set guidelines for determining intervention levels for mowing/slashing within road reserves; and
- b) define the scope of mowing/slashing operations.

REQUIREMENTS

1. GENERAL INTERVENTION LEVEL

Mowing or slashing is to be carried out within Council controlled road reserves based upon:

- a) what is required to ensure the health and safety of road users.

Factors to be taken into account would include:

- visibility of guideposts and other traffic control devices
 - maintenance of sight lines particularly at intersections
 - safe passage for pedestrians
 - vermin harbor and
 - fire prevention.
- b) when the mowing of table drains is used as a means of drainage maintenance it must ensure adequate functioning of the drain.

2. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Council may adopt a higher standard than that defined in 1 above in certain circumstances. Such circumstances may include:

- where a section of road reserve functions as a park.
- where facilities are provided within road reserves that require a higher standard of maintenance e.g. horse trails, car parks.
- within areas where Council desires appearance to be taken into consideration e.g. approach to towns.

3. SCOPE OF WORKS

Roadside slashing will typically be carried out within the area from the edge of the sealed gravel shoulder/back of kerb for a minimum distance of 2.4m (i.e. two passes or one pass beyond the table drain. Where the balance of the road reserve between the table drain or kerb and channel and the property boundary is grassed, any maintenance at a higher intervention than that defined in 1 above is desired by the owner or occupier of the property abutting the road reserve can be undertaken by the owner/occupier. Tree seedlings growing within 1.0m of the edge of the road shoulder will be slashed or removed. Any other trees within 1.0m of the road shoulder or which create a maintenance issue or hazard shall be referred to the Works Manager.