

**Council Policy**

# **Kerb and Channel (Gutter) and Vehicle Crossings**

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## Policy - external Kerb and Channel and Vehicle Crossings

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### Introduction

The *Roads Act (1993)* enables Council to seek a contribution from the land owner adjoining a public road for cost incurred in constructing kerb and channel along the side of the public road adjacent to the land.

The *Roads Act (1993)* also enables Council to seek payment from a land owner adjoining a public road for the cost incurred in constructing or repairing any special crossing (driveway) over the footway in the public road.

### Purpose

To define the principles that are applied when determining the recovery of costs associated with kerb and channel and special crossings in accordance with the provisions of the *Roads Act 1993*.

### Scope

This Policy applies to owners of land adjoining a public road who are liable to contribute or pay for the costs incurred by Council in constructing kerb and gutter or constructing or repairing a special crossing (driveway).

This Policy does not apply to the renewal or repair of any kerb and channel of which contributions have previously been paid.

### Policy statement

Council will seek contributions from owners of land adjoining works within the road reserve in accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*.

Council will provide written notice to adjoining land owners to the kerb and channel works before the scheduled start date, advising them of the contribution rate and project timeline.

### Principles

Kerb and channel contributions are calculated as follows:

1. The contribution will be based on the frontage of the land adjoining the kerb and channel to be constructed.

Residential properties will only be required to contribute to a maximum length of 25 metres, including corner lots.

2. Residential properties with dual street frontage having already contributed to kerb and channel for one frontage, will not be required to make a further contribution when the other frontage is kerb and channelled.
3. Non-residential (commercial and industrial) properties will be required to contribute to the total length of their frontages constructed.
4. Piped gutter crossings and concrete dish crossings which require removal before the kerb and channel construction will be subject to a reduced contribution equivalent to a length of up to four metres.
5. Contributions for kerb and channel for dual occupancies or multiple dwellings will be split evenly between owners.

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### Vehicle crossings (driveways) previously approved by Council that require adjustments during new kerb and channel construction:

1. Existing vehicle crossings that are concreted or sealed will be reconstructed in concrete at no cost to the owner if adjustments are necessary.
2. Vehicle crossings steeper than a one in seven grade after new kerb and channel construction will be constructed in concrete to a standard width of four metres at the kerb or a width matching the existing at no charge to the property owner, regardless of whether they are concreted or sealed prior to the kerb and channel construction.

### Review and Evaluation

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, Council will review the amount of kerb and channel contribution annually, as part of the Fees and Charges process.

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#### Definitions

Term / Abbreviation	Definition
Special Crossing	Special crossings are the section of driveway, for vehicular access, between a property boundary and the road.

#### Consultation (update for each version created)

<b>Key Departments, Teams, Positions, Meetings:</b>	Infrastructure Asset Management, Infrastructure Asset Delivery
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#### Version History

Version No	Date Changed	Modified By	Details and Comments
1	Aug 2013	Allen Brierley	Policy Renamed – references to footpaths and cycleways deleted. 2 (g) Benefit requirement added 3 (a) Width changed and approval required. 4. Restoration in accordance with project design requirement Minor rephrasing of document to clarify Policy Statement.
2	Dec 2013	Toni Woodcock	Updated Adoption details.
3	Jul 2021	Dayne Harris	Policy re-written. New format adopted.

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