

POLICY NAME: LOCAL DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE WITHIN ROAD RESERVES

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### OBJECTIVE

To guide decision-making when requests for local directional signage within road reserves are received by Council

### BACKGROUND

Council's Promotional and Interpretative Signage Taskforce (via Council) receive requests from organisations for directional signage in road reserves. The Signage Taskforce has been responding to these enquires on a case by case basis over the years. Given the significant amount of time spent responding to requests, it is now considered appropriate to formalise Council's position on local directional signage.

Directional signage erected by Council or another public authority do not require development consent. Council will not authorise the erection of commercial advertising signage in road reserves. Therefore this policy does not address advertising signage.

Directional signage for tourist facilities on main road is required to comply with the Tourist Signposting Manual prepared by Destination New South Wales and the NSW Roads & Maritime Services (RMS), and be approved by the Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee (TASAC). On local roads, Council may consider applications for tourist facilities, such as attractions that may sit outside the TASAC criteria.

### DEFINITIONS

Directional sign	A sign erected by the Council for the purpose of directing vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or advising the public (including advising the public about any restrictions), and which does not include any information of a commercial nature.
Public road	Any road that is opened, dedicated or declared to be a public road under the <i>Roads Act 1993</i> .

### SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to:

- Community organisations
- Community members
- Government organisations

### RELATED DOCUMENTATION

Related documents, policies and legislation:

- Australian Standard 1742 – Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices
- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Roads Act 1993*
- *Road Regulations 2008*

**POLICY**

***Acceptable Directional Signage***

The following criteria will be used by Council to determine whether or not to erect a directional sign:

1. The facility or organisation that is the subject of the proposed signage:

Facilities or organisations for which directional signage may be approved include:

- Civic facilities such as Post Offices, other Government offices, Council administration and services such as community centres, libraries, waste management, public swimming pools, sports grounds;
- Public hospitals
- Public transport facilities such as airports, bus/coach interchanges, railway stations
- Public education institutions
- Churches and religious institutions
- Other facilities where demonstrable community or visitor interest can be shown (i.e. community gallery or museum) and where the applicant is a not for profit incorporated association
- Holiday parks where the majority of the sites are available for visitors (i.e. greater than 50%)

Requests for directional signage must be in writing, outlining reasons for the request, preferred location and the proposed wording of the sign. Requests should be directed to the General Manager.

The number of facilities which can be effectively signposted at any one point is limited. The use of community facility name signs will be restricted to facilities which are likely to be those sought by a significant number of visitors not familiar with the locality.

As specific facilities are likely to be sought by name, the shortest name by which the facility is commonly known shall be shown on the signs. A denominational name may be included on signs to churches.

Directional signage will only be erected in relation to an activity lawfully carried out. Council will not erect signage to facilities which are prohibited or operating without development consent, if such is required.

2. Shape, Size and Permitted Information

The shape, size and content of the sign will be in accordance with Australian Standard 1742.

3. Visual Amenity

It is the intent of this policy to maintain safe and attractive streetscapes which are not dominated by excessive signage that can constitute visual 'clutter'. Such 'clutter' can be distracting to motorists and become a safety hazard. Council will therefore limit the number of directional signs in any one location in accordance with the Australian Standard.

Often it is not appreciated by proponents of these signs that there are more effective ways of assisting people to reach their destination, such as providing a clear address, a street directory reference or a map on their stationery or publicity material.

To maintain the effectiveness of signage, the following guidelines shall be used:

- (a) Where the applicant's facility abuts a major road, signage other than on the property shall not be provided
- (b) Where the applicant's facility abuts a street which runs directly off a major road, no signage should be provided to it unless there may be uncertainty about the direction to take, as may be the case where the street name is the same on both sides of the major road.

5 Costs of signage

Costs associated with erecting, affixing, maintenance, placing or displaying signs, and removal of redundant signs, are to be the responsibility of the organisation requesting the sign.

6. Removal of directional signage

Council will remove privately erected directional signage which does not have Council's prior approval.

Council will also remove approved directional signage which has become redundant due to the closure or relocation of the facility or exhibits unsightly or unsafe characteristics. Costs for this work shall be charged to the facility.

7. State Roads (Highways)

This policy does not apply to requests for signage on the Pacific and / or Bruxner Highways or any roads under the control of Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

**REVIEW**

The Policy is to be reviewed annually.