

# DUST SUPPRESSION POLICY

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**Policy Type:** Strategic

**Responsible Officer:** Director of Engineering Services

**Department:** Engineering Services

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## 1. BACKGROUND

Goondiwindi Regional Council is the custodian of approximately 2,500 kilometres of roads throughout the regional area. These roads are a combination of sealed, gravelled, formed and unformed roads, comprising of approximately 1,700 kilometres of unsealed roads.

## 2. PURPOSE

Council periodically receives requests for the application of dust suppression material to small sections of unsealed roads. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines & processes to ensure consistency in assessing eligibility of dust suppression applications.

## 3. POLICY STATEMENT

- This policy applies to unsealed roads maintained by and under Council's jurisdiction.
- This policy does not extend to privately owned roads.
- Applications for dust suppression will be assessed in accordance with the assessment criteria provided in Attachment A.
- Eligible applications will be included on Council's forward works program.

## 4. SCOPE

The scope of this policy will apply to:

- I. All unsealed rural roads maintained by and under the jurisdiction of Goondiwindi Regional Council; and
- II. Residential dwellings constructed or transported to site prior to 20 April 2011 being the adoption date of this policy.

## **5. APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications under this policy shall be made in accordance with the following steps:-

- I. The applicant submits a written application to Council;
- II. Upon receipt of the written application, a Council Officer assesses the eligibility of the application using Council's Dust Suppression Assessment Form (refer to Attachment A);
- iii. The applicant is to be notified of Council's decision in writing; and
- IV. Eligible applications are to be included on Council's forward works program and considered at the subsequent budget on a priority basis.

There is no guarantee that eligible works included on Council's forward works program will be undertaken. Council will continue to monitor the condition of the road and undertake maintenance as required.

## **6. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

All requests for dust suppression on unsealed roads will be assessed by staff in accordance with the following criteria:-

- I. Road proximity to residential property;
- II. Environmental factors (vegetation, prevailing breeze);
- III. Road class (classification, heavy vehicles, school bus route);
- IV. Monetary contribution (if any); and
- V. Any other factors unique to a particular property or road that may be considered relevant by Council, including but not limited to and medical conditions.

## **7. PRIORITISATION OF ELIGIBLE WORKS**

Prioritisation and scheduling of eligible works on Council's forward works program are to be determined by Council's Director of Engineering Services, in accordance with budget allocations, resources, waiting period and total weighted score. Only works scoring a total weight score equal to or higher than 16 will be considered for Council's forward works program.

Should the applicant be prepared to make a monetary contribution to the works, the works may be brought forward on Council's forward works program. The work will not commence prior to receipt of the total contribution from the applicant.

## **8. WORKS**

Dust suppression methods shall be either a sealed section of road or any other dust suppression method suitable for the purpose of reducing dust.

Council or Council's representative shall be responsible for undertaking the works in accordance with the relevant standards.

## **9. NECESSITY TO COMPLY WITH THIS POLICY**

Nil.

## **10. REVIEW DATE**

July 2029

## **11. ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Dust Suppression Assessment Form

# Dust Suppression Assessment

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*Internal Document Only – Refer to Council's Dust Suppression Policy GRC0048 which is available on Council's intranet.*

## Inspection Details:

Inspection Date:  Inspected

## Assessment Details:

Applicant Name:

Property Name:  Road  Chainage:

Criteria		Category	Score	Assessment Score	Weighting	Maximum Weighted Score	Weighed Score
Road proximity to residential property	Distance from road to property	<100m	2		2	4	
		≥100m <200m	1				
		≥200m	0				
Environmental Factors	Proximity to Prevailing Breeze	Downwind	2		2	4	
		Neutral	1				
		Upwind	0				
	Vegetation Screening	Minimal	2		2	4	
		Average	1				
		Good	0				
Road Class	Classification	Class 3	2		3	6	
		Class 4	1				
		Class 5	0				
	% Heavy Vehicles	>30	2		3	6	
		15-30	1				
		0-15	0				
	School Bus Route	Yes	2		2	4	
		No	1				
Monetary Contribution	Applicant's contribution	Yes	2		1	2	
		No	1				
Other Factors		Yes	2		1	2	
		No	1				
TOTAL WEIGHTED SCORE							
≤ 15	No action warranted (Property owner can fund 100% if approved)						
≥ 16	Application to Council's forward works program to be carried out on a total weighted score and priority basis						