

### What is overland flow?

Overland flow is surface water resulting from rainfall, which can cause flooding of properties and houses if not properly managed.

### Why is it important?

Ipswich is prone to bursts of intense rainfall which causes significant amounts of surface water. This surface water will naturally concentrate and flow downhill.

Where a piped drainage system is unavailable or unable to cope, the resulting surface water (overland flow) takes its natural course downhill, often across private property.

Overland flow is a natural occurrence and can be effectively managed across private property by following some simple guidelines.

### What you can do?

- Avoid altering the ground level around an identified overland flow path. There is a property layer on the council PD Online website if you need help identifying an overland flow path in your area.
- Ensure your vehicle crossing has sufficient 'roll-over' to prevent water from the road channel from flowing down your driveway.
- Ensure your driveway and other paved surfaces have appropriate shape and levels to direct surface flow away from your garage and house.
- Avoid blocking the path of overland flow at both the upstream and downstream boundaries of your property.
- In general, protect your home by ensuring ground levels around your home direct surface flow away from your house.
- Contact Ipswich City Council for further guidance.

