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1. Statement

Ipswich City Council does not have a statutory duty to carry out construction activities or maintenance works on unmaintained roads. Under Section 60 of the *Local Government Act 2009* there is no stipulation of how local governments within Queensland must maintain unmaintained roads.

Whilst Council does not conduct maintenance works on unmaintained roads, there will be occasions that it is in the public interest for minor repair works to be conducted on unmaintained roads to enable the continued usage of the road by community members

2. Purpose and Principles

This policy guides Council's decision making in relation to the circumstances in which Council will conduct ad hoc repairs to unmaintained roads at the request of residents to allow the community to continue to use the road.

Ipswich City Council currently has approximately 24,500m of unmaintained roads that range from formed road, unformed roads, unmade roads and private access driveways. By the very nature of unmaintained roads, the maintenance of unmaintained roads is not the responsibility of Council.

However, there will be occasions whereby unmaintained roads which are used by members of the community deteriorate to such an extent that they may be difficult to traverse or pose a safety risk to the community that use these roads. In these circumstances, community members can lodge a service request, requesting that Council attend and conduct operational works to repair the unmaintained road.

In this situation, providing plant is working in the area or available to be easily tasked to the area, and at the direction of the General Manager (Infrastructure and Environment), Council may undertake minor maintenance works should it be deemed a hazard risk to the community following a risk assessment.

3. Strategic Plan Links

This policy aligns with the following iFuture 2021-2026 Corporate Plan theme:

- Vibrant and Growing

4. Regulatory Authority

Local Government Act 2009

5. Human Rights Commitment

Ipswich City Council (Council) has considered the human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)* (the Act) when adopting and/or amending this policy. When applying this policy, Council will act and make decisions in a way that is compatible with human rights and give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision in accordance with the Act.

6. Scope

This policy applies to all councillors, council staff, contractors, and others that act on Council's behalf to ensure they work in accordance with the policy principles and in accordance with the relevant legislation.

The unmaintained road must be open for public access.

7. Roles and Responsibilities

The General Manager (Infrastructure and Environment) is responsible for approving repair works on unmaintained roads.

8. Key Stakeholders

Not Applicable

9. Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy and associated costs will be reviewed annually.

10. Definitions

Unmaintained Road – An unmaintained road is a road reserve that can be a formed road, unformed road, unmade road or private driveways that are not constructed to a standard and has no assets that are maintained by Council. It can contain property access tracks or other infrastructure but is not maintained by Council.

Formed Road – A road that does not have a gravel pavement, but which has been formed by plant so that stormwater will drain off laterally, this road is open to the public. This road may be subject to dry weather access only.

Unformed Road – A road reserve that has been cleared and is open to use by the public but has not been formed by plant so that stormwater will drain laterally.

Unmade Road – A road reserve that has had no capital improvement, including clearing of vegetation, formation by plant or gravel pavement installed whilst being open to the public.

Private Access Road – An access road that is not open for public use, is on private property or within road reserve and provides access to this property.

Hazard – Defect where the likelihood of harm occurring to passengers of vehicles is likely to occur if not actioned.

11. Policy Owner

The General Manager (Infrastructure and Environment) is the policy owner.