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## 1. Statement

The objective of this policy is to provide guidance to council officers and property owners in regards to the construction, maintenance and management responsibilities of crossovers (inverts) for property access.

## 2. Purpose and Principles

Council will ensure that crossovers (inverts) for property access within our local government area are constructed, maintained and managed in accordance with this policy.

## 3. Strategic Plan Links

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

- Vibrant and Growing
- Natural and Sustainable

## 4. Regulatory Authority

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- Local Law 7 – Local Government Controlled Areas and Roads
- Relevant Council Standards (drawings/plans)

## 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.

**7. Roles and Responsibilities**

The General Manager (Infrastructure and Environment) is the custodian of this policy and is responsible for maintaining its currency.

**8. Key Stakeholders**

The following will be consulted during the review process:

Works and Field Services Branch, Infrastructure and Environment Department

**9. Policy Details**

1. The property owner is responsible for the construction, maintenance and management of crossovers (inverts) for property access in the following circumstances:
  - a) If the property owner constructs or has constructed a driveway to the kerb then the repair or replacement of the crossover (invert) is the property owner's responsibility.
2. Under the following special circumstances involving safety issues, the General Manager (Infrastructure and Environment) has the discretion to authorise maintenance or construction works:
  - a) It is in the public interest to complete the repairs or undertake construction; or
  - b) The damage to the property access is caused principally by factors beyond the property owner's control; or
  - c) A significant or adverse impact may result on Council's reputation or good standing in the community if Council does not intervene; or
  - d) Other extenuating circumstances warrant the work being undertaken by Council in the overall public interest.

**10. Monitoring and Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed on a four (4) yearly basis.

**11. Definition of Terms**

Term	Definition
Invert	A section of kerb & channel adjacent to a driveway or pathway, with a flatter than normal profile to allow vehicles or pedestrians to easily cross the kerb.
Crossover	A crossover is the section of the driveway that crosses over the verge area in front of a property. i.e from the road edge surface to the property boundary line.
Stand-up	Kerb that sits up at 90 degrees to the road surface.
Layback	Kerb sits back at approximately 45 degrees to the road surface.

**12. Related Documents**

N/A

**13. Policy Owner**

The General Manager, Infrastructure and Environment is the policy owner and the Manager, Works and Field Services is responsible for authoring and reviewing this policy.