




# Road Risk Management Policy

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## **1. Purpose**

Murrumbidgee Council's objective is to establishment a Road Management System to a standard that optimises the service life and safety level of the individual assets, giving due consideration to the priorities and resources available.

## **2. Scope**

This policy applies to Murrumbidgee Council roads.

The road network has been classified into five clearly defined classes with due consideration of traffic volume, vehicular type usage, pavement type and associated safety standards. Council maintains a Road Register, which also reflects the road classification details for each relevant road and road segment where applicable and the relevant Road Risk Rating.

## **3. Definitions / Road Classifications**

**Council** means Murrumbidgee Council

**MC** means Murrumbidgee Council

### **Road Classifications**

R1- Local Access

R2- Collector

R3- Distributor

R4- Sub Arterial

R5- Arterial

In accordance with State-wide Mutual Best Practice and Austroads 2010 guidelines the classifications which affect Murrumbidgee Shire's road hierarchy are R1, R2 and R3.

## **4. Policy Statement**

This policy has been prepared to ensure Council has a clear and concise direction as to the Construction and Maintenance Standards and Budget Allocations for roads within the Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area.

### **Construction Standards**

Five general factors form the basis for the design standards:

- volume of traffic expected
- composition of vehicles using the road

- travel speeds of the expected traffic
- importance of the journey
- Budget allocation in accordance with Risk Rating priorities

### **Maintenance Standards**

Maintenance Standards have been developed in order to meet the demands and expectations of the various road users in accordance with the minimum requirements that are considered necessary to keep the road system functioning in a satisfactory manner.

All road maintenance will be managed using a systematic approach based on:

- regular inspection of the road network
- recording defects and maintaining those records as part of Council's records in Reflect
- determination of defects hazard in accordance with adopted intervention levels
- performing a planned action
- incorporation of a planned resurfacing and resheeting program across the road network to prolong asset life and ensure user safety
- Budget allocation in accordance with Risk Rating priorities
- Permit system for external parties to conduct work on Council controlled roads

The routine maintenance service level will differ between the different road classifications due to variations relating to the functional characteristics and usage of each road section.

### **Controls**

Council will at all times endeavor to follow the order for risk as set out below:

- i. Eliminate the risk
- ii. Reduce the risk
- iii. Accept the risk

By using the techniques set out in the Road Management Procedure. Implementation of controls is the responsibility of Assistant General Manager, Infrastructure & Environment.

### **Monitoring**

Council will monitor the results of the program using the procedure set out in Road Management Procedure. Implementation of controls is the responsibility of Assistant General Manager, Infrastructure & Environment.

### **Allocated Resources**

Budget allocations in support of this Road Management Policy shall be made on the basis that any road "project", construction, maintenance or resurfacing, is costed and funded for the completion of the entire project, including line marking and restoration of normal operational road furniture.

The annual Road Works Program and Road Resurfacing Program shall be prepared in accordance with recognised risk management principles to ensure asset protection, user safety, risk and resource priorities and best value.

*Murrumbidgee Council Operational Plan 2017/2018; Item – Mining, Manufacturing and Construction pages 42 & 43; Item – Transport and Communication pages 44 to 55.*

**References**

StateWide Mutual – Operational Risk Workbook

