



DS12 – Road Reserve Occupancy

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12.1 General

The Road Reserve is the land between properties that usually includes the road carriageway, berms, network utilities and Council infrastructure. It is generally owned and managed by Council except in cases where they are kept in private or Crown ownership.

For example, maintenance and replacement of utilities within the road reserve is a common occurrence. Installations of driveways or accessways are also common occurrences.

This section covers the requirement to obtain permission, or consent to work within the road reserve and ultimately for the upkeep of the quality of the road reserve by those completing works within it, whether these works are above or below ground.

12.2 Minimum Requirements

The Consent Holder shall be responsible for:

- obtaining a Road Opening Notice from Council for works within the Road Reserve
- detection and location of utility services
- all liaison and arrangements with the appropriate Network Utility Provider when working around their service e.g. Power, Telecommunications, Gas etc
- all liaison and arrangements with the appropriate Council Asset Manager when working around their service e.g. Stormwater, Wastewater, Water Supply etc
- obtaining all necessary notices and certifications for work within the Road Reserve e.g. Temporary Traffic Management, Utility connection approvals etc
- working within the requirements of this code and any other relevant standards
- reinstating the road reserve to a state at least equal to that when works commenced or as agreed with Council.

The requirements of the National Code for Working in the Transport Corridors apply to all design and installation of network utility services.

12.3 Regional Council Requirements

There are no Regional Council requirements for Network Utilities.



12.4 Design Requirements

The design of any Road Reserve Corridor Management requirements i.e. Temporary Traffic Management Plans, shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified designer.

All design, construction and reinstatement works on Network Utilities shall comply with the Network Utility Providers Standards, Literature and/or instruction.

All design, construction and reinstatement works on Council Assets shall comply with the Councils Standards (i.e. this Code), Literature and/or instruction.

Where a new underground reticulation system has to connect to an existing overhead reticulation system, the details of this connection shall be discussed with the Council prior to the system design.