



Name	INF05 Sealing of Roads
Policy Type	Council
Responsible Officer	Manager Infrastructure and Assets
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1. Purpose

This policy articulates Council's vision for its road network and the circumstances under which a road will be sealed.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all roads identified pursuant to Part 12.3 of the *Local Government Act (Act)*.

3. Definitions

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions apply:

Carriageway	Refers to the portion of the road on which vehicles travel.
Road	Refers to all roads within under Council control identified pursuant to Part 12.3 of the <i>Local Government Act</i> , which refers to the road reserve in its entirety.
Sealed Road	Refers to the carriageway of a road that is covered in asphalt or bitumen seal.
Unsealed Road	Refers to the carriageway of a road that is not covered in asphalt or bitumen seal.

4. Policy Statement

4.1. It is the focus of Litchfield Council to upgrade unsealed gravel roads to sealed roads. Road sealing prioritisation is to be evaluated and weighted using the following criteria:

- 4.1.1. Number of properties directly serviced by the road
- 4.1.2. Connectivity provided by the road to other roads within the municipality
- 4.1.3. Safety of the current state of the road in an unsealed manner
- 4.1.4. Access to external funding for sealing
- 4.1.5. Economic stimulus benefits to the municipality
- 4.1.6. Accessibility in an unsealed state

4.1.7. Maintenance cost benefits

4.1.8. Importance to the locality.

4.2. Council may, pursuant to *Section 238 Special Rates* of the Act, apply an amount for each allotment to defray the cost of sealing a road, or part thereof, where there is a public benefit.

5. Associated Documents

Litchfield Council Development and Subdivision Standards

6. References and Legislation

Northern Territory Local Government Act 2019

7. Review History

Date Reviewed	Description of changes (Inc Decision No. if applicable)
12/11/2008	Approved.
22/05/2012	Updated.
28/02/2018	Updated including update to new template and policy number
16/08/2021	Minor administrative changes made, including formatting and new regulation titles. Policy review date to remain the same.
13/12/2022	Scheduled policy review, minor format changes and administrative changes.