

DUST SUPPRESSION POLICY

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1. Purpose

Waimate District Council offer residents the opportunity to seal a portion of the public road adjacent to their dwelling where a dust nuisance is demonstrated. This policy provides information to residents who may wish to apply for the dust suppression subsidy.

2. Policy Application

Property owners may apply in writing to Council to have a specific section of a maintained rural public road sealed for dust suppression for residential dwellings where a dust nuisance is demonstrated. Applications are to be considered for approval by the Roding Manager and relevant factors to be considered are:

- Eye Irritations
- Respiratory Problems
- Roof water-supply contamination
- Stress
- Appliance damage
- Inability to have windows open
- Extra Housework required
- Washing soiled on clothes-line

3. Timeframe

Applications for sealing are to be received by 1 September for the following construction season's projects. Late applications may be considered by the Roding Manager.

4. Subsidy

If the application is approved, 50% of the costs of the seal are to be met by the property owner(s) and 50% by Council.

5. Length of Seal

In each instance, where one house is involved, Council shall contribute to a maximum length of 200 metres and, whenever possible, will take advantage of competitive contract rates. Any additional length required will be fully funded by the property owner(s). Additional lengths of seal will be at the discretion of the Roding Manager.

6. Prioritisation of Sealing Projects

Applications shall be prioritised according to the severity of the nuisance. Preference will be given in cases where the use of the road has changed significantly, such as an increase in heavy traffic due to development. Measures of severity will include, but are not limited to:

- Safety concerns
- Proximity to the road in question
- Traffic (volume, speed and composition)
- Land Use
- Prevailing wind
- Other factors

7. Aspects to Consider

Council needs to consider aspects such as the geometric quality of the road i.e. the sealing cannot be stopped in the middle of a curve, or close to an intersection near the end of another sealed section. Pockets of isolated seal on the same road are undesirable, as they can create safety hazards to road users.

The Dust Seals are not a designed seal extension, the surface shape, width, pavement smoothness and strength will be at a lower standard. The expected life of the seal will also be less than a designed seal extension. In some roads the traffic volumes and composition may require a normal seal extension with a higher standard of pavement to be constructed. Where seal extension on the road is expected to be undertaken within the next 5 years it will be at the Roding Managers' discretion as to whether it is cost effective to seal a shorter, narrower width in the interim.

8. Maintenance

Council shall undertake all ongoing maintenance once the seal is completed. This includes reseals and other pavement repairs.

9. Available Finance

The amount of the Council contribution to dust sealing projects will be determined by available budget each year.

10. New Houses

The Policy shall apply only to dwellings built or relocated before 1 January 2015.

11. Publication Details

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