

Policy

Title: New Infrastructure – Roads and Stormwater

Category: Environment, Planning and Development Control

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1. Objectives

To establish a state-wide standard for public assets in accordance with State Legislation and minimise the Council's risk and legal exposure, provide environmental constraints and provide for property owner needs and expectations for many years into the future.

2. Background

This Policy was prepared as a result of a request from the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia, Tasmania Division to adopt a new state-wide civil engineering standard for roads, water, sewerage and stormwater together with a model policy.

3. Policy

That:

1. The Council will permit the design and construction of new public highway and stormwater assets within its jurisdiction (works) to a required standard by qualified and competent persons with appropriate insurance, where such works are required to be carried out pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*, the *Local Government (Buildings and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*, the *Urban Drainage Act 2013* and/or *Building Act 2016*, at the request of a property owner/developer, or at the request of another utility authority, subject to the following conditions.

2. **CONDITIONS:**

The following are conditions in the application of this policy:

- (i) The property owner/developer's consultants and designers, the Council's workforce, contractors, or other utility authorities shall comply with the required standards in the performance of the works as stipulated in the publications of the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia titled *Tasmanian Standard Drawings* and *Tasmanian Subdivision Guidelines 2013* and all the Australian



Standards, legislation, By-laws, and other policy requirements relevant to the works.

- (ii) Prior to the works being carried out in the highway reservation and/or in private property, the Council will require security for the works and compliance with the required standard pursuant to Section 86 of the *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*.
- (iii) Prior to the works being carried out in the highway reservation and/or in private property, property owner/developer's consultants and designers, contractors, or other utility authorities must obtain a public infrastructure construction permit and/or road opening permit (Permit).
- (iv) The Permit requirements must include public safety and protection measures such as the appointment of the principal's engineer responsible for supervision of the works, notifications to frontages, provision of safe public access, traffic and parking plans, protective barrier installation, signage, lighting, locating services, clearance from other utility services, and public relations communication plans.
- (v) The Permit requirements must include provisions for the Council's protection such as insurance policies where the Council is named as an interested party for public liability, the works itself, third party property, and employee insurance; Council fees and charges and submission of contract documentation identifying the principal, the contractor, the principal's engineer responsible for supervision, and any nominated sub contractors.
- (vi) The Permit requirements must include provisions for Council's asset protection including where applicable that connections to the Council's infrastructure be carried out by the Council's workforce or other approved persons, 12 months maintenance period, and the inspection and surveyed recording of newly created public infrastructure.
- (vii) The Permit requirements must include provisions that protect the developer and employees by the application of contractor/employee competency to ensure that properly qualified and competent persons are engaged on work sites.
- (viii) The Permit requirements must include nuisance prevention, and property and environmental protection measures such as work hours, compliance with statutory emissions limits for noise, dust, erosion and sediment, and to coordinate with other utility authorities.



4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

Local Government (Buildings and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993

Urban Drainage Act 2013

Hobart City Council Infrastructure By-Law 2018

Building Act 2016

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