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ACCESS OR SPUR ROADS – CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTENANCE COSTS BY COUNCIL POLICY

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Aim

The aim of this policy is to provide reasonable access for residents in the rural areas of Brewarrina Shire to the town centre of Brewarrina or other reasonable alternative community centre.

This policy is applicable to land-locked parcels within the Shire of Brewarrina that existed at the commencement date 26th July 1982. A land-locked parcel is one that has no common boundary with an open public road maintained by the Council of Brewarrina or an adjoining Local Government authority.

Policy

Brewarrina Shire Council will assist with the cost of maintaining roads known as access or spur roads to parcels of land within Brewarrina Shire to which this policy applies, by the maintenance grading at no cost to the landholder, of these roads up to the boundary of the last separately owned landholding from time to time as considered necessary, when Council's earthmoving plant is in the vicinity. The maximum contribution to be made will be one grading in any twelve month period.

Should a landholder who has an existing access road wish to relocate or change its alignment, this will be normally at the cost of the landholder, and providing that there is no significant change in maintenance cost Council will transfer the maintenance entitlement of any existing access road to an alternative road that the landholder chooses to construct.

Any block that becomes land-locked after the commencement date of this policy through actions taken by the landholder will not cause a maintenance obligation to fall to Council but will be the sole responsibility of the landholder to provide and maintain access to the newly created land-locked parcel. Should a parcel become land locked through the actions of parties outside the control of the landholder, and no compensation be able to be gained by the landholder in consideration of the loss of access to existing public roads, then Council will consider an application from the landholder for assistance in maintaining a newly created access road, which has been constructed at the landholders cost.

Furthermore, if consolidation of properties causes any change to property boundaries, the Council will only continue maintaining the access through properties in different ownership, to the boundary of the property of ' the last owner'.

In cases where this consolidation puts two (2) spur roads to one (1) land holding the landowner will be consulted to determine which spur road to abandon.