

## ROADS - POLICY - Upgrading Crown Roads

Upper Hunter Shire Council will only accept the transfer of a Crown road as an Upper Hunter Council dedicated road in conjunction with developments or subdivisions where:-

1. there is no other viable means of access for the development;
2. the road and drainage has been constructed to Upper Hunter Shire Council's engineering guidelines for subdivisions and developments at the cost of the developer or residents;
3. the road and drainage construction has been inspected and approved by the Director Infrastructure Services or a nominated officer;
4. all costs associated with the transfer of a Crown road to Council are paid by the developer or resident;
5. Council formally resolves to accept and maintain the road.

### Objective

- To provide an equitable share of the limited road maintenance resources to meet the needs of current and future generations.
- To reduce the financial burden on Council's funding for road upgrades and maintenance.
- To define guidelines that can be applied to requests for Council to accept ownership and maintenance of Crown roads.

### Procedures/Practice

Crown reserve roads are not Council assets. They are the responsibility of the NSW Crown Lands Office of the Department of Lands.

Where a developer or resident requests Council to take on the ownership and maintenance of a Crown reserve road, the developer or resident would need to address the five dot points listed in the policy above.

In the event of the Department of Lands proceeding to transfer a Crown Road to Council, Council will not maintain the additional road unless the five dot points listed in the policy above are addressed.

### References


This policy was adopted by Council at its meeting on the 30 July 2018 and replaces the policy of the same name which was adopted by Council at its meeting on 24 June 2013.


### Review Date

This policy will be reviewed:

- October 2020 by the Director Infrastructure Services.

Authorised by:

  
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Steve McDonald, General Manager

  
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