

YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY ON DUST SUPPRESSION WORKS ON GRAVEL ROADS

1 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to establish the circumstances under which Council would agree to carry out dust suppression works on roads other than designated gypsum routes.

2 PREAMBLE

During the gypsum cartage season (August – May) Council receives many requests for dust suppression on roads other than the designated gypsum routes. The majority of these requests relate to the effects of the dust on the health of residents.

The dust suppression works can be cost effective in terms of maintenance if there is significant through traffic on a particular road.

3 POLICY

Council may at its discretion carry out dust suppression works on special purpose roads, major link roads or minor link roads:

- If it can be demonstrated that there is significant through traffic apart from normal local traffic.
- Where there is a demonstrated cost advantage over time with regard to ongoing maintenance costs.
- Council may also agree to works on the above categories of road where there is evidence of a significant health benefit.

If in the opinion of Council there are no benefits to Council and the request shall provide benefit to only one party, that party will be required to contribute 25% of the cost of the treatment. The nominal cost of the treatment shall be 75 cents per square metre.

Council shall allocate a maximum allowable annual budget for dust suppression works carried out to provide the health benefit. This policy will not apply once the annual allocation is exhausted.

This policy allows for one application of dust suppressant per year.

This policy was adopted by Council on 6 April 1999