



ROAD ACCESS POLICY

1. POLICY PURPOSE

This Policy provides the framework and the manner in which inhabited rural properties that do not have immediate access to the Primary Road Network can be provided with road access to the Primary Road Network.

2. AUTHORITY (LEGISLATION OR OTHER)

Council determination

3. POLICY STATEMENT

McKinlay Shire Council recognises that a number of rural residents inhabiting a property being their primary address of either leasehold or freehold tenure do not have immediate access to the Primary Road Network for the local government area of McKinlay Shire.

This Policy serves to recognise the McKinlay Shire Council considers the provision of social justice and equality to all rural ratepayers as important, and that as such the Council will undertake to provide and maintain, to Defined Standards, a level of road access to the Primary Road Network by these remote primary inhabited properties. This will be referred to as Remote Property Access.

4. DEFINITIONS

Shire Road Network - Council owned and maintained road infrastructure within the limits of its local government area.

Main Road Network - Queensland Government or Commonwealth of Australia owned road infrastructure which transects the McKinlay Shire local government area.

Primary Road Network – The combination of the Main Road Network and Shire Road Network for the local government area of McKinlay Shire.

Remote Property – A rural property within the boundary of McKinlay Shire Council that does not immediately adjoin the Primary Road Network.

Defined Standards – An unsealed flat grade road with a maximum width of eight (8) metres.

Land Act 1994 S93 Meaning of Road

(2) The term includes-

- (a) a street, esplanade, reserve for esplanade, highway, pathway, thoroughfare, track or stock route; and
- (b) a bridge, causeway, culvert or other works in, over or under a road; and

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(c) any part of a road.

5. POLICY CONTENT

In order for a rural property to qualify for classification as a Remote Property for the purposes of this Policy, the property must meet the following criteria

1. The rural property must be inhabited for more than 250 days per year and
2. The access road to the property must be on an agreed road reserve or
3. In instances where the access road is not on a road reserve easement or stock route Council will acquire a road reserve easement from the relevant landholder or
4. In the instance where a property has rateable land in an adjacent Shire and the principal place of residence is in the adjacent Shire and has as well , rateable land in McKinlay Shire and pays rates in McKinlay Shire (a boundary property), no access to the principal place of residence will be provided nor maintained.

However, where an access road is located on rateable land within McKinlay Shire which is described as part of a contiguous lot which establishes “a rural property” and services a facility or thing that provides an economic benefit to the property owner and McKinlay Shire and connects directly to a collector or principal road as determined from time to time by McKinlay Shire Council, the access road will be maintained at intervals decided by DERS.

5. One access road only will be provided and maintained.

The Council will provide and maintain, to Defined Standards, an access road connecting the Remote Property to the Primary Road Network. Council will only provide access to the agreed point on the boundary of the Remote Property.

APPENDIX A

Appendix A is a list of rural properties that are classified as Remote Properties. Appendix A can be amended without a formal Council Policy Revision.

Remote Property	Access Road	Description	Road Reserve
Zonia Downs	Zonia Downs – Punchbowl Road	Connecting Zonia Downs to the Punchbowl Road through Bow Park	
Crow Fells	Crow Fells – Punchbowl Road	Connecting Crow Fells to the Punchbowl Road through Woodlands and Bezuma	
Burwood	Burwood – Lindfield	Connecting Burwood to the Punchbowl Road through Lindfield	
Gilliat Plains	Gilliat Plains – Flinders Hwy	Connecting Gilliat Plains to Flinders Highway through Caiwarra and Clifton Park	
Bindooran	Bindooran – Flinders Hwy	Connecting Bindooran to Flinders Highway through Clifton Park	
Barnsdale	Barnsdale – Leila Vale	Connecting Barnsdale to Leila Vale through Longford, Oorindi Park and Carjoan	
Kelloshiel	Kelloshiel – Kynuna Road	Connecting Kelloshiel to the Kynuna Road through Waterloo Plains	
Quambetook	Quambetook – Kynuna Road	Connecting Quambetook to the Kynuna Road through Rosevale	
Strathfield	Strathfield – Landsborough Hwy	Connecting Strathfield to the Landsborough Highway through Bull Creek	
Penola Downs	Penola Downs – Landsborough Hwy	Connecting Penola Downs to Landsborough Highway through Milgery	

