

OPERATIONAL WORKS INFORMATION SHEET

DRIVEWAY CROSSOVERS (ACCESS WORKS)

What is a driveway crossover?

A driveway crossover is the part of your driveway that goes between your front property boundary and the kerb, or edge, of the road.

Driveway crossover applications were previously assessed under a Works in Road Reserve Permit. They are now assessed under a Development Application for Operational Works for Access Works under the Livingstone Planning Scheme 2018.

This information sheet provides an overview of the planning scheme requirements for Access Works for a driveway crossover.

Access works in the planning scheme

The planning scheme outlines criteria to determine whether a development application is required to be lodged.

Under the Livingstone Planning Scheme 2018, Access Works can be either:

- Accepted subject to requirements – does not require an application to be made if the driveway meets all of the acceptable outcomes of the Development works code (outcomes relating to Access and Parking Works only) – Refer to the access works checklist.
- Assessable development, code assessable - requires an application to be made to Council if the driveway does not meet all of the acceptable outcomes, or if the location of the driveway is within a mapped flood or heritage place overlay area which triggers assessable development.

What if I cannot meet the requirements and require an alternative design or siting of my driveway?

You are required to lodge an application for a development permit for operational works for access works.

This provides Council an opportunity to undertake a site-specific assessment in relation to your driveway proposal, against Performance Outcome PO1 in the Planning Scheme.

Importantly the assessment will consider - does the driveway design result in minimal impact to safety, efficiency and functionality of the road network and public infrastructure?

Overlays

An overlay may influence whether planning approval is required or require overlay codes in the planning scheme to be assessed.

The best way to check whether a property is affected by an Overlay, is to view the Planning Scheme Overlay mapping online.

If your access within the road reserve is located in the Flood hazard overlay or Heritage Place overlay, planning approval will be required.

Can I have a second driveway?

Yes and no. It depends on the size and location of your property. Council operates under the Capricorn Municipal Development Guidelines and there is a guideline for secondary accesses – refer to [D.15 Driveways design specification](#).

What are some general requirements for driveways crossovers?

Property owners are responsible for the construction and ongoing maintenance of their driveway.

Where practical, driveways should be constructed in accordance with the [Capricorn Municipal Development Guidelines](#) standard drawings for Driveways (found under Roads/Earthworks).

Please refer to the Driveway Crossovers checklist for further guidance.

How do I receive further assistance?

Council offers a range of free and paid development and town planning advice services. The advice services provide information on Council's planning scheme and delivers feedback about specific development-related matters and development proposals.

While Council aims to assist applicants through the process, many applications are complicated and deserve the attention of a consultant (town planner, surveyor or other appropriately qualified professional) for help with the proposal.

The Livingstone Planning Scheme 2018 and interactive zone and overlay mapping can be found on Council's website here.

Related Websites and Information

Livingstone Shire Councils Fees and Charges

<https://www.livingstone.qld.gov.au/fees-and-charges>

Livingstone Shire Councils Planning Scheme and mapping

<https://www.livingstone.qld.gov.au>

Capricorn Municipal Development Guidelines (CMDG)

<https://www.cmdg.com.au/standard-drawings>