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Applicable Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1999,</i>
Related Documents:	DCFH Long Term Financial Plan 2023-32 DCFH Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2023-32

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to formalise a policy which encompasses the broad procedures followed by Council when evaluating the condition and rating of its road network. It will set agreed standards for their maintenance, renewal and upgrade requirements subject to budget allocations. The adoption and implementation of this policy will provide the following benefits:

- It will enable the Council to objectively analyse the cost and resource implications arising from its choices on repair and maintenance options.
- It will provide a logic based assessment process that considers both priority of need and the equitable distribution of scarce resources.
- It will provide transparent and fair process for the setting of road repair/maintenance priorities that can easily be understood by the electors.
- It will contribute to the delivery of a safe and effective road network for residents and visitors to this Local Government area.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVE

- To set guidelines for infrastructure assessment methodology and to establish priorities for maintenance, renewal and upgrade
- To set guidelines for the building renewal or maintenance of district roads
- To ensure the safety of traffic and to sustain the serviceability of the road and its associated facilities.

3. UNSEALED ROADS

Council shall provide an annual road budget to provide for maintenance and renewal of roads within Council. A regular inspection program of Councils road network will be undertaken.

If a request is made post budget for an unsealed road to be upgraded or re-prioritised due to a perceived increase in economic activity, or in the event that a particular road is perceived to be of significant strategic advantage to the district, that request must be made in writing to the Council who will then determine any reprioritisation by majority decision.



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Expenditure on unsealed roads shall be divided into:

- a) Maintenance: Routine or patrol maintenance comprising light grading to smooth road surfaces, restore cross fall, clearing blocked drains, and the restoration of signs and roadside furniture.
- b) Capital: Periodic expenditure comprising re-sheeting of the pavements, re-compacting pavement, reshaping of cross-sections and restoring drainage systems.
- c) Variations may occur dependant on climatic events, school bus routes or emergencies. The Works Manager and CEO will approve funding as required in exceptional circumstances and report this to council.

4. CLASSIFICATIONS AND SERVICE STANDARDS

The road classification table describes each class of road, its typical use and respective service level:

Road Classification	Road Criteria	Typical uses	Service level
1	Sealed roads, formed and sheeted unsealed major freight routes. Effective drainage established	Major township roads, freight (RAV routes), links between localities & towns to regional centres, school bus/tourist routes.	Should be passable comfortably at speed limit in most weather conditions. Unsealed – 8m wide graded 2 times/year, re-sheeted as required 15-25 years. Sealed – reseal 15-20 year intervals. Vegetation clearance envelopes well maintained along alignment.
2	Minor sealed roads, secondary unsealed roads (formed and sheeted) with some drainage established	Sealed - town back streets (local traffic only). Unsealed feeders linking farms to freight routes (RAV collectors, not thru routes). School bus routes, service roads for 10 or more rural properties/residences, minor tourist routes.	Should be passable comfortably at 80% of speed limit in dry conditions. Unsealed - 8m wide, graded 3 times in 2 years, sheeting patched as required re-sheet 25-30 years. Vegetation spot cleared as required.
3	Tertiary unsealed roads, formed and patch sheeted	Service roads for <10 rural properties/residences	6-8m should be passable comfortably at 50% of speed limit in dry conditions, graded once a year if required. May be 4wd only in wet.
4	Access tracks, unformed	Fire tracks, service tracks for power, water etc	4wd only, not graded unless absolutely necessary.



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The District Council of Franklin Harbour Rural Roads have been grouped into the above classifications and are shown on the map on page 4.

5. RESPONSIBILITY

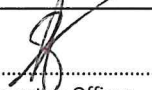
The implementation of the Road Classification Policy and associated procedures shall be the responsibility of the Works Manager who will consult directly with the CEO on any area requiring variation from the normal assessment or ranking process. Councils Works section is responsible for regular scheduling of the activities and the works that result from the implementation of this policy.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

Members of the public may inspect Rural Roads Hierarchy and Service Levels Policy at the principal office of the District Council of Franklin Harbour, 6 Main Street Cowell SA 5602, and on payment of a fee obtain a copy. A copy may also be downloaded from the Council website www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au.

7. REVIEW OF THE POLICY

This Rural Roads Hierarchy and Service Levels Policy will be reviewed by the District Council of Franklin Harbour within 12 months after each general election of Council. However, Council has the right to review this Policy at any time, if considered desirable.

SIGNED: 
 Chief Executive Officer
 Date: 6 / 10 / 23

Change History

Version	Issue Date	Change
1.0	July 2011	New Policy
2.1	October 2015	Reviewed and Updated
2.2	February 2019	Reviewed and Updated (Post Election)
3.0	September 2022	Reviewed and updated



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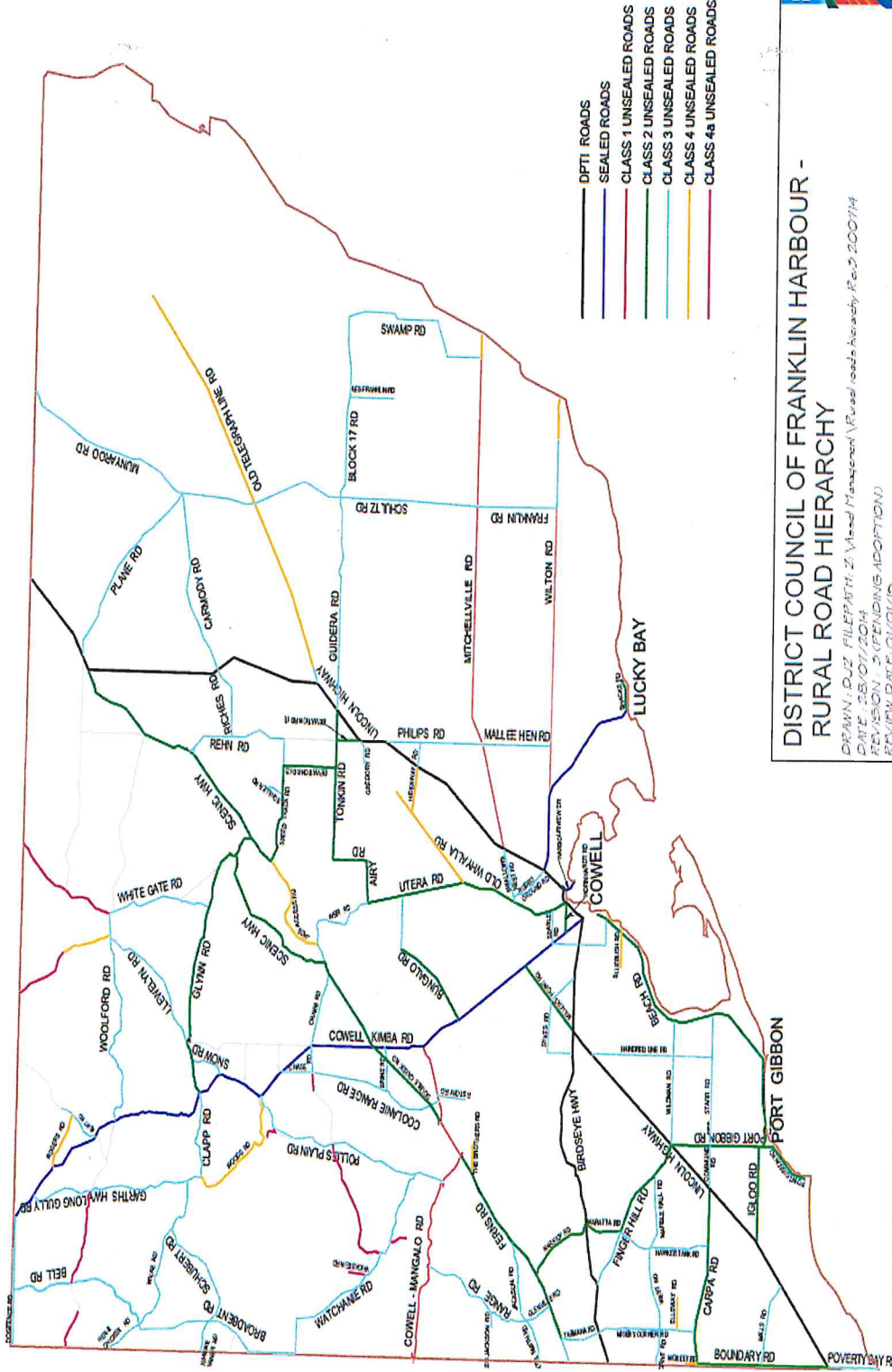
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