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## 1. Background / Principles

Slashing on the edge of Council controlled road corridors is an activity undertaken by Council as part of the road maintenance program. The Whitsunday Regional Council Rural Road network comprises approximately 350 Km of sealed bitumen.

## 2. Policy Objectives

This policy is intended to:

- 2.1. Define areas of Council responsibility,
- 2.2. Allow the road network to be maintained in a safe condition for use by the community.
- 2.3. Allow proposed maintenance activities to be completed safely.

## 3. Scope

This policy applies to rural sealed roads (i.e. in non-residential and non-rural residential areas) adjacent to the traffic lanes and to a point 3.6 metres from the edge of the traffic lane. However this may be extended in situations where issues of sight distances or safety are compromised as judged by the staff member assigned the task of undertaking road inspections.

In general slashing is not undertaken on unsealed roads except in special circumstances (e.g. if safety considerations warrant the work).

## 4. Policy Statement

Council is committed to maintaining its rural roads in a safe and usable condition. Council will undertake slashing of rural roads in the following circumstances:

- a. To maintain safety of public, considering site distances or clear vision of delineation markers and signage or to ensure the ongoing integrity of the Council asset.
- b. To provide visual amenity of the rural road network.

As a guide, slashing is to be undertaken when grass and vegetation reaches a height in excess of 700 mm (Intervention Level) on areas adjacent to rural roadways. The adopted response time for completion of this work will be up to four weeks.

**5. Date reviewed:** January 2017

**6. Next Review:** January 2018