

R 8 – Trench Reinstatement

1 Policy

Council Policy is to approve all pipes and other services crossing and within existing formed road reserves, paths and Council controlled land. The CEO (or nominated representative) shall inspect the location prior to commencing excavation to issued approval to commence with works. If deemed necessary the CEO or authorised officer is to inspect the works to ensure compliance to Council's policy has been achieved.

1.1 Procedure

Any person proposing to locate any duct, pipe or pipeline beneath a road, path or council controlled property, whether formed or unformed, shall lodge with Council, for retention, a plan showing the proposed position of the pipeline with full details as to the purpose for which the pipe or pipeline shall be used.

Minimum cover to the proposed pipeline shall be 600mm to any portion of the road or path. Cover less than 600mm shall be approved in only exceptional circumstances and written approval stating this shall be required prior to commencing works.

The applicant shall indemnify the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes against any claims that it may receive because of works conducted by the applicant. The applicant shall take all reasonable precaution to protect the works and public from loss or injury or damage.

The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes deems possession of site to the applicant to begin at the commencement of works and cease once signed approval from the CEO or their nominated representative.

All excavations shall be filled, compacted and the surface re-instated to the original condition within 5 working days of completion of the work, to the satisfaction of the CEO Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

If the applicant conducting these works fails to backfill the excavation or to reinstate the surface of the road or footpath to a suitable standard within 5 working days following written notification to the applicant, the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes will do so and recover costs from the applicant at council's private works rate.

The minimum application requirement is a plan showing the exact location and details of a duct, pipe or pipeline and methods of permanent delineation. The approval letter shall be attached and a copy will be returned with the original for retention by the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

2 Applicable Legislation and Documents

Act	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
	s.2.7(2)(b) – The council is to determine the local government's policies
	Schedule 9.1 cl 6 – Dangerous excavation in or near public thoroughfare
	Schedule 9.1 cl 8 – Private works on, over, or under public places
Regulation	<i>Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996</i>

	r.11 – Dangerous excavation in or near public thoroughfare r.17 – Private works on, over, or under public places
Local Law	Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Local Government Property Local Law
Shire Policies	N/A
Related Documents	N/A
Related Procedure	N/A

3 Administration

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