

## R 12 – Gravel Procurement

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### 1 Objectives

To provide guidelines for the acquisition of gravel for road construction and maintenance purposes. The policy explains the processes used by the Shire when approached by property owners seeking to sell/supply gravel as well as when the Shire approaches property owners.

### 2 Background

The taking of materials from private land is allowed under S 3.27 of the Local Government Act with the taking of materials to be subject to an agreement between the Shire and the landowner(s), including but not limited to addressing the royalty to be paid to the landowner(s) and rehabilitation of the pit area.

The Shire is continually on the lookout for prospective new gravel resources and regularly advertises its interest via notices in the Shire newsletter and in general discussions with rural land owners. Ideally the Shire would like to have suitable gravel sources throughout the Shire so that carting of materials to specific roadworks jobs can be reduced as much as possible however it is noted that this may not be possible due to the suitability and specification of gravel. Also land owners may only be interested in supplying gravel if the extraction is a “one-off” exercise and they may not be interested in allowing the Shire to develop a long term gravel source on their property.

### 3 Policy

When contacted by land owners the Shire will conduct an assessment of the gravel source and if evidence exists that a suitably prospective supply of gravel exists the Shire will proceed to laboratory testing of the material. If quantity and quality of gravel is proven the Shire will register the location of the site and dependent upon the need for gravel a legal agreement will be entered into with the land owner identifying the location of the gravel, the responsibilities of each party (including access, recording of material taken, rehabilitation, etc.).

In assessing the suitability of gravel, Shire staff will have regard to the applicable specifications with the “Standard Specification for Granular Pavement Materials (Golder Associates on behalf of WALGA 2012)”

Other factors to be taken into account when identifying potential gravel sources and procurement are:

- Proximity to planned road works
- Road access for haulage trucks
- Cost of extraction – machinery (dozer) requirements, site access, etc.
- Lifespan of pit and potential to stage extraction works
- Cost of rehabilitation
- Viability of blending materials in order to meet specifications.

## 4 Applicable Legislation and Documents

<b>Statutory Power</b> <i>(Acts, Regulations, Local Laws, TPS)</i>	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i> s.2.7(2)(b) – The council is to determine the local government’s policies s.3.27 – Particular things local governments can do on land that is not local government property Schedule 3.2 – Particular things local governments can do on land even though it is not local government property
<b>Shire Policies</b>	LUP 11 – Extractive Industries Policy R 8 – Use of Section 3.27 for Taking of Materials from Private Land Page 4 of 4 R 9 – Gravel road Development & Maintenance
<b>Related Documents</b>	A Guide to the Selection and Use of Naturally Occurring Materials as Base and Sub-Base in Roads in Western Australia” (Main Roads WA & Australian Geo Mechanics Society 2002) Standard Specification for Granular Pavement Materials” (Golder Associates on behalf of WALGA 2012)
<b>Related Procedure</b>	N/A

## 5 Administration

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