

Garlands Road Petition To Seal Road

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Overview

Report on petition requesting the sealing of Garlands Road.

Background

Council has received a petition from 121 signatories requesting Garland Road be sealed or verges mown.

The following reasons for the request have been provided; *A comment on the reason Dust nuisance has not increased due to traffic* in the volume of traffic using the road

Traffic Counts		
Date	Position	Count
Nov-00	Mill Rd end	60
Jun-02	Mill Rd end	55
Sep-02	Mill Rd end	54
Feb-09	Top of Hill	46
Mar-09	Top of Hill	62
Mar-09	Point Bush Rd End	48
Mar-09	Mill Rd end	50

The traffic has not increased in the last 6 years

The increase in traffic has meant an increase in the dust nuisance, which affects not only residents, but any pedestrians using the road

Dust nuisance has not increased due to traffic.

With the increase in dwellings, there has been an increase on the rates take for the area, which will surely give Council the ability to look at completing the above work.

Additional dwelling in the District does not directly increase the Council rate take.

Additional Rates for a new Dwelling

A new Dwelling value	\$300,000
2008-09 General Rate	0.0013672
Additional Rates required	\$410.16

The sealing of the road would enhance the residential improvements in that area, possibly creating impetus for further development

The sealing of the road would enhance the residential improvements and could increase the land value.

This has become a very popular area for "walkers" but the dust created makes it quite unsafe.

Walkers do have the option to use other road or new footpaths.

Due to the long grass and ditches at the sides of the road it becomes difficult to get off the road safely when walking

The drainage is positioned close to the road due to formation banks.

The road shoulder for a width of 1.5m is now scheduled to be mown

Because of the nature of the gravel road this area has become a favourite with the young drivers "experimenting" which causes a safety issue for anyone using the road

Sealing of the road may not stop problems with young drivers

Proposal

Mowing Verge

The road shoulder for a width of 1.5m is now scheduled to be mown

Sealing Road

Length 1.52km Width 5m Estimate \$ 150,000 to \$190,000

Benefit Cost ratio BC = 0.6

Options

Property owners may apply in writing to the Council to have a section of road sealed for dust suppression for dwellings. If approved the costs of this work are to be met 50% from Council and 50% from the property Owners.

Obstacles

Extra Annual depreciation less saving in unsealed maintenance \$ 1,900

Loan charges (25 years 7%) \$16,300

Budget Details

No seal extension Budget

Budget Considerations**Recommendation****THAT**

- 1. THE PETITION BE RECEIVED**
- 2. DUST CONTROL POLICY BE DISCUSSED WITH PRPOERTY OWNERS.**
- 3. REQUESTED SEAL EXTENSION OF GARLANDS ROAD BE DECLINED**
- 4. THE ROAD SHOULDER IS MOWN.**