

OPTIC FIBRE INSTALLATION ON COUNCIL LAND POLICY



Responsible Department: Infrastructure Delivery
Responsible Section: Design Services
Responsible Officer: Design Services Manager

Objective

- To maintain guidelines for the installation of Optic Fibre Cables in Narrabri Shire's road reserves previously set.
- Monitor activities known to Council to assist in their compliance with Council policy.
- Maintain the relevant technical information of Council's website.

Policy

Narrabri Shire Council is generally opposed to the installation of Optic Fibre Cables in the Shire's road reserves. The reason being that cables are difficult to detect and relocate and thus can significantly hinder the future development of Council's infrastructure.

There are however some sites that are more critical than others. Where the General Manager (or delegate) determines that the installation of an Optic Fibre Cable will not be detrimental to the development of the Shires Assets, conditional approval can be given, by the General Manager, for the installation as follows:

- a) The depth of the cable must be a minimum of 1.2m below the existing table drain;
- b) Where it is intended that the cable will cross a sealed road or watercourse the cable shall be under bored and laid within a conduit;
- c) The cable must be parallel to the current road centreline (+/-500mm) and as close as possible to the property boundary or current edge of heavy vegetation line;
- d) Indicator tape must be placed above the cable to the satisfaction of the General Manager;
- e) No work is to be conducted on site without a Council representative to verify the cables installation **This requirement may be waived by the General Manager if the alignment of the optic fibre is greater than 25m from the centre of the road and it is deemed that the installation of the optic fibre will not compromise any road realignment works that Council may wish to undertake as a part of its future works programmes;**
- f) The contractor is to prepare a Project Plan (authorised by a suitably qualified engineer) addressing Quality, Environmental and Safety (including Traffic) issues, and this plan is to be approved by the General Manager before commencement of works;

- g) That a works-as-executed plan showing the horizontal and vertical location of the cables be lodged with Council;
- h) The contractor is to reimburse Council's supervision costs.

Variations to this conditional approval must be resolved at a meeting of the Council.

History

MINUTE NUMBER	MEETING DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE
639/2005	20 September 2005	Adopted
436/2007	3 July 2007	Reviewed
366/2009	7 July 2009	Reviewed
26/2012	21 February 2012	Reviewed
210/2013	2 April 2013	Reviewed
164/2017	15 August 2017	Reviewed