

Asset Protection

COUNCIL POLICY NO. 124

1. POLICY PURPOSE

To provide a policy that clearly informs builders, developers, municipal and private building surveyors, contractors, demolition crews and landowners about the responsibilities associated with the protection and reinstatement of assets vested in Council for the safety of persons on, adjacent to, opposite or passing a building site.

2. POLICY

Council has an obligation and right to ensure that any demolition or building works are not carried out at the cost of its infrastructure assets. Council will ensure that the condition of its assets that may be affected by demolition or building works are monitored throughout the life of the works.

Infrastructure that may need monitoring includes, but is not limited to:

- Kerb and guttering
- Constructed footpaths (paved/unpaved)
- Nature strips and trees
- Stormwater drainage pits or channels
- Roads
- Street furniture (seats, bins, signage)

An Asset Protection Permit must be obtained prior to the commencement of any building, demolition or other works that may reasonably be expected to impact Council-owned or Council-managed infrastructure assets.

This policy operates in conjunction with Council's *Community Amenity Local Law 2023* and relevant legislation and supports Council's ability to protect municipal infrastructure and recover costs where damage occurs as a result of development or building works.

Permit requirements and monitoring will be applied proportionately, having regard to the nature and scale of works and risk to Council assets.

Responsibility for the protection and reinstatement of Council assets rests with the person in charge of the works and may include the property owner, builder or appointed agent, regardless of who undertakes the works.

3. POLICY REVIEW

Council will review this policy as required but always within two years after a general election of the Council.

At the time it was developed, this policy was assessed for compatibility with the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006. Council considers that the policy is compatible, as any limitations on rights are reasonable, proportionate and justified in the interests of protecting public assets and safety.

4. FURTHER INFORMATION

Members of the public may inspect all policies at Gannawarra Shire Council's Kerang and Cohuna office or online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au.

Any enquiries in relation to this policy should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer on (03) 5450 9333.

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