



Use of Station and Private Road Policy

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ORGANISATION UNIT: All
RESPONSIBLE POSITION: Director Work
RELEVANT DELEGATIONS:
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Objectives:

To establish Central Desert Shire's policy related to the use and maintenance of station and private roads.

Legislation:

NT Grants Commission Annual Return of Local Government Roads Information. Within Central Desert Shire a number of stations have internal (private) roads that provide convenient access between Service Delivery Centres, outstations and public access roads.

Definition:

Use of these roads should only occur with permission of the owner with the exception of the access rights endowed to local indigenous residents.

In some cases these roads are used by government and agency employees, shire employees, external contractors and other individuals.

While Central Desert Shire is not in a position to manage the use of these roads by non-shire staff, external contractors and other individuals it is able to exercise control over its own staff, and the contractors it employs.

Scope:

This policy applies to:

- Use of station and private roads by Central Desert Shire staff and contractors.
- Provision of maintenance services or maintenance support to station and private roads within Central Desert Shire

Policy:

This policy sets out the guidelines for staff and contracted workers in relation to the use of station and other private roads.

1. Station and other private roads shall only be used by Central Desert Shire staff and others engaged by Central Desert Shire where prior approval for their use has been obtained.
2. When using station or private roads special care shall be taken to ensure the road surface is not damaged (particularly in wet conditions), that all

private property is protected from damage, and that all gates are left in the manner found.

3. Usage of station and private roads shall be minimised.
4. Where significant use of station and private roads by Central Desert Shire staff and contractors occurs, land and station owners / managers may apply to Central Desert Shire for maintenance services (i.e. maintenance grading, grooming or dragging) or maintenance support (cost contribution) commensurate with Central Desert Shire's usage to be provided.
5. All requests for maintenance services or support are to be forwarded to the Director of Works via the Shire Service Manager. The Director of Works will assess the request and determine the level of maintenance service or support that shall be provided and timeframe within which it shall be delivered.

History:

The policy was first adopted on February 2011