

Gravel Supply Information Sheet

Supply of Gravel to Council, Resource Industry and Commercial Users

This information sheet has been prepared to assist Landholders who are interested in supplying gravel from their properties to Council and/or Commercial users.

Before entering into arrangements to supply gravel, the Landholder needs to be aware of the following:

Gravel Ownership

Landholders are advised to check the tenure of their property to confirm they own the rights to the gravel resource. Generally speaking, gravel rights are reserved by the Crown on leasehold land and any land free-holded after 1991. Where gravel resources are reserved by the Crown, Gravel can only be removed from the property under the authority of a Forestry Act 1959 Sales Permit.

Property tenure information is available on your Title Deed. Further information can be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (Ph: 4672 4800)

Gravel Reserved by the Crown

If gravel has been reserved by the Crown, the purchaser must obtain a Sales Permit under the Forestry Act 1959 to purchase the gravel from the Crown. Applicants are required to submit a Quarry Management Plan with the Sales Permit application to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

To obtain a Forestry Act Sales Permit, the purchaser must firstly obtain a "Material Change of Use" Development Approval from Council for the operation of an extractive industry on the property. Council's Planning Department **Ph: 1300 Council** (1300 268 624) can provide information and a list of Planning Consultants to assist in preparation of the Material Change of Use application.

Gravel owned by Landholders

Where tenure checks confirm gravel has not been reserved by the Crown, Landholders interested in supplying gravel from their properties are required to obtain a "Material Change of Use" Development Approval from Council for the operation of an extractive industry on the property. Council's Planning Department **Ph: 1300 Council** (1300 268 624) can provide information and a list of Planning Consultants to assist in preparation of the Material Change of Use application.

Extractive industries exceeding a threshold of 5000 tonnes per annum may also require a Development Permit under the Environmental Protection Act. Council's Planning Department **Ph: 1300 Council** (1300 268 624) can provide information on Development Permit applications under the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

Existing Pit Operations

Where Council has operated gravel extraction activities under agreement with Landholders over many years, lawful "Existing Use" rights may be conferred upon the operation provided the use continues to operate on the same basis. Any change in scale or intensity will require a "Material Change of Use" Development Approval i.e. the existing use rights apply to the intermittent removal of gravel for road maintenance works in the locality and any other proposed use would trigger the MCU application process.



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Supplying Gravel to Council

Council is interested in securing gravel supplies for future road maintenance requirements.

The availability of gravel has a direct bearing on the cost of maintaining local roads. Increases in gravel costs due to either royalty payments or from greater haul distances results in increased road maintenance costs.

On this basis, Council invites Landholders to enquire about supplying gravel to Council to assist in the maintenance of roads in the Landholders local area.

Council will undertake the following:

- Conduct an assessment of the extent and quality of the gravel resource on your property;
- Review property tenure;
- Prepare a 10 year gravel agreement for the Landholder and Council to commit to suitable arrangements and royalties for the establishment of an extractive industry for mutual benefit;
- Undertake the required Town Planning and Environmental Protection Development permit processes to lawfully commence an extractive industry on the property; and
- Operate the gravel extraction activity in accordance with approvals and permits.

Landholders interested in supplying gravel are invited to contact Council on **Ph: 1300 Council** (1300 268 624) to arrange for a site assessment to be undertaken by Council's Technical Officers.

