

Policy Type

Council

Policy Purpose

To ensure an acceptable level of appearance is sustained following the completion of the two year maintenance period, to public open spaces and road reservations in residential subdivisions.

Policy Statement

- (1) The City will maintain the public open space following a residential subdivision in accordance with the level of service frameworks outlined in the Public Open Space Strategy 2014-2024 (5 Year Review) for open space classification.
- (2) The City will maintain the entry statements, central median islands and roundabouts constructed for the transport requirements of a residential subdivision in accordance with the level of service frameworks outlined in the Public Open Space Strategy 2014-2024 (5 Year Review).
- (3) Landscaped and irrigated verges that have been installed by the developer adjacent to residential properties shall become the responsibility of the property owner following the completion of the two year maintenance period. A letter from the developer to the property owner will outline the process prior to handover and provide an opportunity for residents to modify the existing irrigation system for connection to their respective water source.
- (4) Street trees will continue to be maintained by the City.
- (5) The City will determine whether it is appropriate to replace dead verge, entry statement, central median and roundabout, shrub planting by the developer after handover. If it is deemed environmentally or financially unsustainable to replace shrubs in these locations, the City will apply mulch only and replant trees to these areas.
- (6) The City will landscape (mulch and tree) and maintain a disconnected verge. A verge is deemed disconnected where a property, through an approved subdivision design, is separated from the verge by a significant level difference or has significant access restrictions.

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