

CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

POLICY: DUST SUPPRESSION

This policy was adopted by a resolution of the Roothing Sub Committee on 15 February 2005, and replaces the "Oiling of Roads as a Dust Suppressant" policy adopted on 17 April 2002.

Purpose

To set a policy and procedure for oiling of roads as a dust suppressant, and to provide an alternative option to rural residents for sealing of 100m of existing road outside residential houses which are located within 100m of the road.

Policy

1. Council meets 50% of the cost of oiling 100m or part thereof of roads outside residential houses which are located within 100m of the road. Oilings are limited to twice a year.
2. Applications to be made in writing to Council prior to 30 September each year for oiling to be undertaken.
3. Oiling for horticultural purposes to be at 100% cost to applicant.
4. Council meets 50% of the cost of the local share of sealing 100m or part thereof of rural roads only, outside residential houses which are located within 100m of the road. The road must not appear on Council's forward seal extension programme within the next 5 years.
5. Applications to be made in writing to Council prior to 30 June each year for sealing to be undertaken.
6. All applications will be individually considered with regard to safety of the roading network. Where it is believed that sealing of a 100m length of road under this policy will be detrimental to safety of the roading network, the Chief Executive has delegated authority to refuse the application."

Costs

The total cost will be subsidised by Land Transport New Zealand (LTNZ) under the Area Wide Pavement Treatment budget.

The remaining cost of sealing or oiling where the work meets the requirements for Council subsidy will be split 50:50 between the applicant and Council. Future maintenance on the seal will be undertaken through the District Roothing programme.

The remaining cost of oiling where the oiling does not meet the requirements for Council subsidy will be met by the applicant.

Procedure

Sealing Of 100m Sections As A Dust Suppressant

This option only applies to sealing of a 100m length of rural road at the existing road width. The sealing of longer lengths at narrow widths could become a safety issue. Council will consider each application individually with regards to safety implications, and the Chief Executive Officer has discretion to approve variations to the length, or decline the application, where this is considered appropriate due to safety issues.

This option does not apply to urban streets. An urban area is defined as any area within a 50km or 70km speed limit.

The forward programme for seal extensions is to be considered prior to approving any sealing which is to be subsidised by Council or LTNZ. Where sealing is expected to be undertaken within the next 5 years Council will not seal a shorter narrower width in the interim, as this cannot be shown to be the least cost, long term maintenance option.

Council will check that there is a residential house located within 100m of the road, where the work is being undertaken under this policy, prior to commencing any work.

Council will advertise for applications for sealing as a dust suppressant under this policy during May and June in the Central Otago News. Application forms will also be available on the Council website. Payment is to be received with the application.

All applications for sealing of the 100m lengths of road are to be received by 30 June each year to enable the preparation work and sealing to be programmed as part of Council's normal maintenance activities. If labour and equipment has to be specially deployed for this work then this will have an impact on the cost.

Oiling as a Dust Suppressant

All applications for oiling of roads are to be received by 30 September and 30 January each year to enable the preparation work and the oiling to be programmed as part of Council's normal maintenance activities.

Applications received after the cut off date, or which are not for oiling 100m of road where a residential house is located within 100m of the road, will be undertaken at full cost to the applicant.

Payment is to be received with the application.

The forward programme for seal extensions is to be considered prior to undertaking oiling. Where sealing is expected to be undertaken within the next 12 months Council may decline if the application of oil will affect the quality of the seal extension.

Council will check that there is a residential house located within 100m of the road where the work is being subsidised by Council prior to commencing any oiling.

Council will advertise for applications for oiling as a dust suppressant under this policy during September and January in the Central Otago News. Application forms will also be available on the Council website.