

Title:	Street and Public Lighting Installation
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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide a framework for assessing the need for new street and public lighting installations
- Provide an equitable and consistent approach to responding to requests for new street lighting or public lighting installations received by Council from members of the community

2. Rationale

The rationale for this policy is to have a procedure which outlines the process for assessing applications received from members of the community or developers for new or additional street lighting installations.

Council regularly receives requests for additional lighting to be installed within the shire and developers require guidance for determining the lighting requirements for new developments.

3. Scope

This scope of this policy is to provide the process and criteria to be applied when assessing a request for the provision of street and public place lighting within the shire and applies to lighting located in streets and public places within the shire boundaries.

4. Policy

The guiding principles for the implementation of this policy include:

- For Council to consider a request for street or public lighting installation all requests must follow the procedure set out in section 4.1 of this policy
- An acceptance by 60% of affected owners will be required prior to final approval of the request
- Lighting in local streets should provide an environment which is conducive to the safe and effective movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic at night
- Generally lighting design will consider visual requirements of pedestrians as dominant over motor vehicles
- Reference will be made to Council's Infrastructure Design Manual and the relevant Australian Standard for street lighting. However the final design, including type, number, location and spacing will be determined by Council
- Council will use its discretion in accordance with Schedule 7A of the *Road Management Act 2004* as the responsible authority to ensure any street lighting installations are appropriate in regard to Council's road management functions
- The installation of public lighting including design and specification of lamps will consider environmental impacts and will use energy efficient technology wherever possible
- Installation of public lighting will ultimately be subject to the provision of funding with Council's budget

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4.1 Assessment Procedure

The procedure for the assessment of provisions of street lighting will involve the following steps:

- All requests for public lighting installation must be submitted to Council on the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 1 of this policy
- Applicants will receive advice that the application has been received and registered for further assessment
- Council will consider each application having regard to the criteria as set out in Table 1. The principal basis of using these criteria in the assessment is to address the physical attributes of the location under consideration as well as local and wider community benefit or impact
- The request will only proceed if there was 60% support from those residents directly adjacent or opposite the proposed location

The following table outlines the assessment principles that will be applied to each request:

Table 1 - Assessment Criteria

Criteria	Principles
Traffic Volumes	Higher priority will be placed on lighting requirements for township areas where pedestrian and vehicular traffic is higher than in rural areas.
Land Use	Higher priority will be applied to those areas where land use directly correlates to increased pedestrian and vehicular movements such as higher density residential and commercial precincts.
Road Type	Higher priority will be given to those roads which have higher traffic use and a higher level of integration between pedestrians and vehicle movement.
Road Use	Preference will be given to road intersections locations which tend to be likely crossing point for pedestrians.
Existing Spacing	Proposed installations locations will take into account the current networks and general spacing in adjoining areas.
Existing Pole	The use of existing infrastructure has a bearing on the cost of installation and the impact on the local streetscape therefore priority will be given to the availability of existing infrastructure.
Precinct Assessment	Consideration of pedestrian usage will be based on precincts such as sporting clubs, schools, retail areas and medical facilities.
Pedestrian Use	Areas with high pedestrian use will be given priority over areas with low pedestrian use.
Footpath Details	Consideration will be given to existing pedestrian infrastructure such as footpath types and locations.
Historical Safety Records	The assessment will consider records of reported incidents concerning safety of pedestrian and road users.
Traffic Control Devices	A high priority will be given to lighting requirements relating to traffic control devices such as speed humps and traffic islands.

Applications that are supported for installation after assessment will be referred to Council's Infrastructure Assets Department for inclusion in the 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan for consideration by Council as part of its annual budget process. Lighting installations that have a greater community benefit will be given priority.

Final approval for the lighting installation will occur once a budget has been adopted.

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In relation to the installation process the following will apply:

- The timing of installation will be determined by available funding in each year's budget and distributors (AusNet) works program schedule
- Council will be responsible for the cost of street and public lighting, electricity consumption and for the replacement of lamps and other luminaire parts as required in the form of an annual tariff as calculated by the distributor
- The Developer will be responsible for the full cost of the provision of street lighting for new subdivisions including all design and implementation costs. Council is responsible for the ongoing maintenance and operation costs with respect to the public roads
- The cost of the provision of lighting associated with Council public places will be borne by Council
- The cost of the provision of lighting associated with privately owned and controlled public places will not be considered by Council

5. Related Policies, Strategies and Legislation

- Murrindindi Shire Council Planning Scheme
- Infrastructure Design Manual
- Public Lighting Code 2005
- Australian Standard AS/NZS 1158 1.1.2005
- *Road Management Act 2004*

6. Council Plan

Council Plan 2013-2017:

- Our Economy – Strategic objective: 'We will administer sound financial and management practices'
- Our Environment – Strategic objective: 'We will use resources more efficiently and effectively'
- Our Environment – Strategic objective: 'We will apply a whole of life approach to the management and maintenance of Council's assets'

7. Management and Review

This policy is managed by the General Manager Infrastructure and Development Services and is to be reviewed every three years.

8. Consultation

Consultation has occurred within Council's Infrastructure Services and Development Division.

9. Human Rights Charter

This policy has been developed with consideration of the requirements under the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.