

## Cessnock City Council Maintenance of Footpaths, Grass Nature Strips & Verges Policy

<b>Policy Owner:</b>	Works Delivery Manager
<b>Relevant Legislation:</b>	Road Act, 1993, S145
<b>Related Policy:</b>	Not Applicable
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### 1. Objective

To state Council's policy with respect to the maintenance of grass nature strips, footpaths and verges within the Council's urban areas.

### 2. Policy Statement

Council will mow grassed footpaths and nature strips in front of Council owned property or public land in line with budget allocations as determined in each budget cycle.

Council will not mow grassed footpaths and nature strips in front of private, commercial or industrial property.

Whereas the result of roadworks the road formation is reduced with a corresponding increase in the nature strip, the fronting property owners are expected to maintain their frontage. Such reduction in formation is normally associated with pavement reconstruction, sealing (including shoulders) and installation of kerb and gutter. The benefits of such works to the property owner in improved amenity and improved marketability are considered by Council to offset any increased inconvenience or cost due to additional mowing.

Where a property owner is temporarily incapacitated, the Council may at the discretion of the Infrastructure Works Manager undertake mowing of the nature strip twice, i.e. over maximum 6 month period. After such time the property owner would be expected to make other arrangements (eg engage a lawn mowing contractor).