

7.6 ROAD TRANSPORT – RESTRICTED ACCESS VEHICLES (RAV)

OBJECTIVE

To set out the Shire of Gingin's position with respect to the movement of Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) combinations on roads under its control and management.

POLICY

The legislation covering movement of RAVs is quite complex. Permits are issued by Main Roads WA Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS), not by Local Authorities. These permits relate to vehicles that are larger than semi-trailers and truck/trailer combinations up to three axle truck/two axle trailer (total length less than 19m in length) that are licensed and may use any public road "as of right". Therefore, permits are necessary for larger vehicle combinations, such as three and four axle truck/three and four axle trailer, B Doubles, long vehicles and road trains, conforming to HVS specifications. These different combinations are broken up in to 'Networks' (1 to 10) which designate different combinations and axle groups in to these networks and are then designated gross maximum weights and total combination lengths.

HVS issues permits relating to the Brand Highway and Indian Ocean Drive without reference to the Shire. All other roads under the control of the Shire require approval by the Shire for use by the certain RAV Network before assessment by HVS. In most cases HVS will not issue permits relating to other roads unless the applications are agreed to by the Shire.

At the time of assessment, the Shire may impose conditions on any approval to ensure that RAVs operate in a manner that reduces the amount of damage to, and deterioration of, the road asset.

Some roads under the control of the Shire are approved for use as RAV Networks without conditions and as such can be used by approved RAVs without application to the Shire and/or Main Roads WA. These roads can be found on the Main Roads WA HVS web page (www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/UsingRoads/HeavyVehicles/Permits/Pages/odpmtc.aspx).

1. Permit Applications

Restricted Access Vehicles will only be permitted to operate on the Shire's designated heavy haulage routes, however:

- a. These combinations can be used on all local roads to deliver to and collect from bona fide primary producers within the Shire of Gingin.
- b. Approval may be considered to use these combinations on local roads within the Shire for delivery to destinations outside of the Municipality.
- c. No permits will be issued for the operation of Restricted Access Vehicles on streets within the Lancelin townsite, with the exception of a Special Permit issued to the owner of Mining Tenement No M70/54 for the use of RAV's to cart lime sand from Mining Tenement Number M70/54 through the Lancelin townsite, subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) Extra Mass Vehicles are not to use Gingin Road, but are to be restricted to a route consisting of Beacon Road, Bootoo Street, Cockram Street, Collins Way, Kendall Road and Walker Avenue.

- (ii) Vehicle movements through the townsite are to be restricted to between the hours of 0600 and 1800, excluding the hours of 0730 to 0900 and 1430 to 1600 for Monday to Friday and 0700 to 1400 on Saturdays. No RAV's will be allowed to operate on Sundays or Public Holidays.
- d. The following conditions can be applied to Restricted Access Vehicles operating on local roads within the Shire of Gingin (but are not limited to):
 - (i) RAV Approvals by the Shire shall expire annually at 30 June.
 - (ii) A current written approval from the Local Government, permitting use of the road, must be carried and produced on demand.
 - (iii) Through roads designated by the Shire of Gingin must be used as such by permit holders. Unofficial short cuts will not be permitted.
 - (iv) All permit vehicles operating within the Shire of Gingin shall not exceed 80kph on local roads unless a lesser speed limit is recommended by MRWA for reasons of safety. A lesser speed limit may be conditioned by the Shire on the permit for safety reasons and/or to prolong the life of the road asset.
 - (v) Unsealed roads may not be used by RAV's when visibly wet.
 - (vi) Permit operators must maintain a close liaison with the Shire of Gingin, specifically in relation to prevailing weather conditions and adverse road conditions, which may occur. If operators fail to comply and damage a road, the Shire will seek restitution to repair the road.
 - (vii) Any permit holder who fails to comply with these conditions may have their permit withdrawn, such withdrawal to affect all Local Government Authority permits. No reinstatement will be contemplated unless the complaining Local Government Authority is satisfied that the permit holder will adhere to the conditions.
 - (viii) Restricted Access Vehicles with appropriate permits may not operate on school bus routes between the hours of 0700 and 0830 and 1500 and 1630.
 - (ix) Any other applicable conditions to ensure the safety of RAV and other road users and/or to prolong the life or reduce the deterioration of the road asset.
- e. Pocket Road Trains (Restricted Access Vehicle Network 3/4)

Where RAV Network 3/4 configurations are utilised to deliver to and/or collect from primary producers and intensive agriculture and/or horticulture within the Shire of Gingin, the Chief Executive Officer can provide approval or otherwise upon receipt of a formal application for same subject to a route assessment.

f. Assessment of RAV Applications

- (i) Once an application has been received the proposed route/s must be assessed by a suitably qualified Shire officer taking into consideration the Main Roads WA HVS document 'Standard Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Assessment Guidelines' and complete the 'Assessment Form' (Appendix K) and file that completed form accordingly. An assessment may not need to be completed if a route assessment has already been completed on that road for that RAV Network combination.
- (ii) Assessments shall take note of the following:
- Number of existing RAV's approved for this route already;
 - Current road conditions;
 - Where possible getting RAV's back on to sealed roads with preference for highways and Roads 2030 (capital works able to be part funded by State Government) roads;
 - All Assessment Criteria and Community Considerations as per the Main Roads WA HVS document 'Standard Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Assessment Guidelines'.

2. Concessional Loading (Accredited Mass Management Scheme)

All Concessional Loading applications through the HVS Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) shall be assessed and taken to Council for consideration.

GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

Statutory Compliance	<i>Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012</i> <i>Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014</i>
Industry Compliance	Main Roads Western Australia "Heavy Vehicle Operations Standard Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Route Assessment Guidelines
Organisational Compliance	Delegation 5.1 Applications for Operation of 'B' Doubles and Road Trains

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Review Cycle	Bi-annual	Next Review	2018
Department	Operations		

Version	Decision Reference	Synopsis
1.	20/11/1997	Policy adopted.
2.	21/04/2015 – Item 11.4.3	Policy amended by deleting replacing reference to Extra Mass Vehicles with Restricted Access Vehicles, adding Heavy Vehicle Operations to Main Roads Western Australia title, deleting reference to Dala Transport, adding Beacon Road to approved route and amending the permitted hours of operations
3.	18/10/2016 – Item 11.4.2	Policy amended to reflect changes in the manner of dealing with RAV applications and to remove the need for all Network 3 and 4 applications that aren't for 'bona fide primary producers' to be submitted to Council.