



# Vehicle Crossover

A vehicle crossover is the constructed area between the edge of the roadway (and/or kerb and channel) and the property boundary used for vehicular property access. Also sometimes called a vehicle crossing or driveway.

## Type of Crossover

The type of vehicle crossover required depends on the site conditions and whether or not the road at the frontage of the property is under the control of the Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) or is a State Controlled Road.

## Roads under the control of FCRC

Vehicle crossovers accessing a FCRC controlled road must comply with any applied conditions, Council's local laws and the relevant standard drawings listed as follows;

FC-230-01 (Residential);

FC-230-02 (Commercial); and

FC-230-03 (Rural).

It is important to note that driveway crossovers must be considerate of the local drainage arrangements and not unduly inhibit any flow. In this regard, professional external engineering consultation may be required.

## State Controlled Roads

For information contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) Bundaberg.

23 Quay St, Bundaberg QLD 4670

Phone: (07) 4154 0200

[www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au)

## Permits

A permit must be obtained from Council to construct a new vehicle crossover.

Application forms are available from your local Customer Service Centre or Council's website

[www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/forms](http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/forms)

A permit is not required for the maintenance or repair of an existing vehicle crossover provided that the works are in accordance with the relevant standard drawings (see over).

## General Construction and Maintenance

All construction or maintenance of vehicle crossovers must be performed in accordance with the Queensland Workplace Health and Safety Regulations, conditions of the Council permit and Local Laws.

Adequate signage, barrier protection and redirection measures must be in place if construction or maintenance of the crossing obstructs pedestrians or traffic.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Can I have two driveways to my property?

Generally, only one vehicle crossover is permitted for each property. The total driveway width should not exceed 30% of the frontage of the property.

### What are the property owner's responsibilities?

The property owner is responsible for the construction, ongoing maintenance and management of the vehicle crossover so as to not present a public safety hazard cause a nuisance.

In failure of this, Council has the power to issue a compliance notice to rectify a crossover in accordance with Local Law 4.

### Can I construct my own vehicle crossing?

Yes, you can construct and maintain your own vehicle crossing provided you comply with all the conditions on the Vehicle Crossover Permit.

Alternatively you can engage the services of a licensed contractor to do this work for you.

### **What if there is a tree, infrastructure or utility service in the way?**

You should plan the location of your vehicle crossing so that it is clear of any existing infrastructure or vegetation. Significant trees, traffic islands and stormwater pits cannot be moved to suit vehicle crossings.

The cost of any remedial works will be at the property owner's expense. Council may grant permission for the removal of some street trees if in accordance with the Tree Management Policy.

### **What if my property is lower than the road (with kerb and channel)?**

Where the land is lower than the road surface, it is necessary to ensure that the first 1.5 metres of the access rises to kerb height to reduce the likelihood of stormwater entering the property.

### **What if my property is lower than the road (with no kerb and channel)?**

This will depend on the type of driveway crossover used for the site conditions. However, the driveway crossover will not stop stormwater overflow from entering the property if the property is naturally prone to it.

### **What if Council undertakes works on the road including table drain works that impact on my vehicle crossover?**

Where a vehicle crossover has been constructed to the relevant standards, or in accordance with a design approved by a Council permit, Council will replace or reinstate the vehicle crossover to a compliant standard on completion of the works.

The responsibility for maintenance of the vehicle crossover then remains with the property owner.

Where an access has not been constructed or is not constructed to Council standards, Council is under no obligation to construct or replace the existing property access.

### **What if a service provider (Telstra, NBN, Wide Bay Water) partially removes my driveway during their works?**

These should be reinstated by the service provider following their works. If this does not occur, this should be raised directly with the service provider.

### **Can I use a nib to access my property rather than remove the kerb?**

Generally nibs are no longer permitted. However, if you believe that the vehicle crossover cannot be constructed in accordance with the standard drawings, then you will need to contact Council's Infrastructure Services Department for advice.

### **If I am required to allow for stormwater, what size pipe or culvert do I need to provide?**

Where required, pipes or culverts must be provided in accordance with the standard drawings and pay consideration to the volume of water to be conveyed. In this regard, the property owner may need to seek external professional engineering advice.

### **Further information**

For further information, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 79 49 29.

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