

Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services

Framework for Using Consultants to Assess Local Government Roads for Inclusion on a Restricted Access Vehicle Network.

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Introduction

There is an increasing demand for Main Roads to conduct route assessment on Local Government roads to assess the suitability of the road for inclusion on a Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network.

Whilst Main Roads makes every effort to complete route assessment applications in a timely manner, there are often delays due to the volume of pending route assessments.

This framework allows for applicants, who need a road assessed more urgently, to engage the services of a consultant to conduct the route assessments, which will then be given priority by Main Roads for approval and inclusion on the relevant RAV Network.

Roles and Responsibilities

Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services

Amongst other key services provided for the WA transport industry, Heavy Vehicle Services is responsible for the development and maintenance of the RAV permits and the application of appropriate conditions to ensure road safety and infrastructure protection, while meeting the needs of the transport industry. This includes the development and maintenance of the RAV Networks and concessional loading schemes that are available to heavy vehicle operators.

The Commissioner of Main Roads is empowered under the *Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012* to approve RAV access on the public road network. The Commissioner has delegated these powers to the Heavy Vehicle Services.

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Main Roads Regions

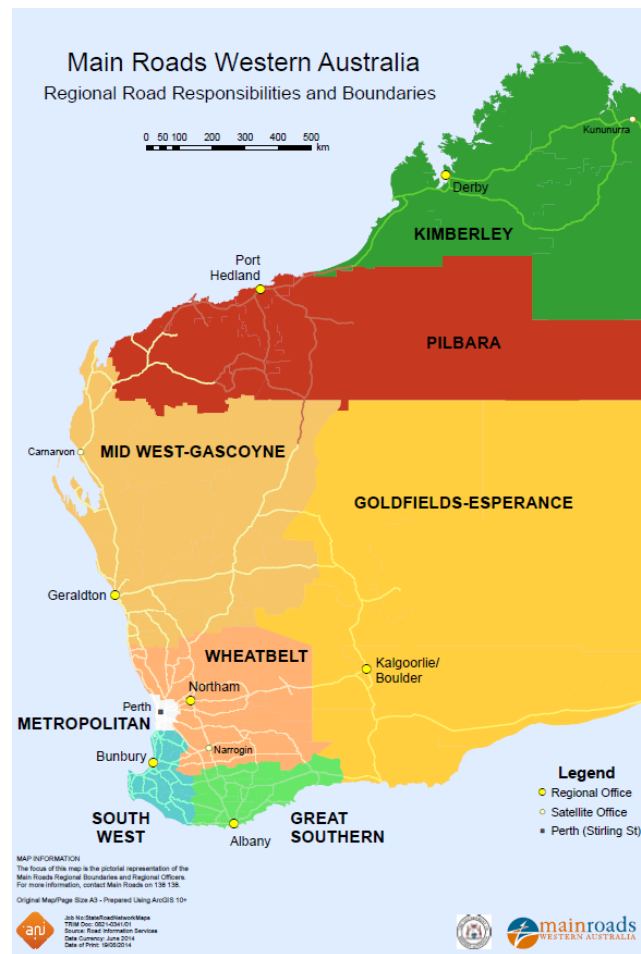
The Main Roads Regions work closely with stakeholders such as Local Government to maintain a safe and efficient road network, as well as playing a key role in ensuring the road network links communities, facilities, industrial developments and access to other modes of transport.

Main Roads Regions play a key role in consulting with Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services and Local Governments and provides information in relation to planning, maintenance construction and operation that may impact the RAV Network. The Main Roads Regions conducts route assessments on behalf of Heavy Vehicle Services.

For a current contact list of Main Roads Regions please visit the Main Roads website below.

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/AboutMainRoads/OurRoleRegions/Pages/home.aspx>

Main Roads Regional Road Responsibilities and Boundaries



Local Government Responsibilities

Local Government are key partners in the shared responsibility of safe and efficient access within Western Australia and manage 88 percent of West Australian roads. As designers and operators of this extensive road network, and as influential leaders in local communities, it is fundamental that Main Roads and Local Governments continue to build strong partnerships to ensure the best possible outcomes for the transport Industry.

It is Main Roads policy that approval from the relevant road owner is obtained before RAV access is approved. Local Governments are encouraged to consult with Heavy Vehicle Services when conducting road designs and improvements to the road network to ensure it meets requirements for the relevant RAV access that has been approved. Current practice requires the applicant to obtain written support from the road owner and forward this to Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services together with their application. To allow for a more streamlined process, Main Roads has designed an “Endorsement Form” that is to be completed by the applicant that requires endorsement from the relevant road owner. The form can also be used in place of individual letters that road owners issue to applicants. The “Application and Road Owner Endorsement to Add or Amend a Road on the Restricted Access Vehicle Network” can be located on the Main Roads website

Timeframes

Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services attempt to finalise route assessment applications within 3 months. However, due to underlying factors and issues out of Main Roads control, assessments and approvals may be delayed.

Engaging a Consultant to Conduct Route Assessments

The applicant may engage the services of any consultant who is competent in conducting route assessments in accordance with the Main Roads *Standard Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Route Assessment Guidelines*.

Main Roads will not accredit or approve consultants; therefore the applicant may engage the services of any engineering consultant or transport consultant capable of conducting route assessments.

RAV Network Amendment Application Process

