

POLICY NO.	I.14
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Policy Objective

This Policy is to provide guidance for the application, conditions and approval to use Multi-Combination Vehicles on Local Access Roads within the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

Policy

The definition of Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) as defined by Main Roads WA (MRWA) is:

Effective as of the 1 December 2012, Main Roads published a Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Notice for standard Class 2 & 3 vehicle combinations. A RAV Notice is a prescribed instrument for granting road access to a RAV.

An approved vehicle combination is any vehicle combination stipulated in the Prime Mover, Trailer Combination Operating conditions; or the Truck, Trailer Combination Operating Conditions. The RAV Network 1 to 10 Road Tables and associated addendums list the roads that are approved for the particular combinations.

The Operating Conditions, RAV mapping tool and further details on WA Heavy Vehicle Accreditation can be found on the Main Roads website at www.mainroads.wa.gov.au under the “Heavy Vehicles” section.

The State Government through Main Roads Western Australia is the only agency authorized to issue oversize permits. Local Shires are requested to give approval with any relevant conditions to use any local road.

Any applicant that requires the use of a local access road for the use of multi-combination vehicles must make written application to Council. The roads requested will be assessed by an initial desktop assessment in the first instance and if deemed eligible will then be inspected by Council Officers. Following inspection, if the roads required are acceptable for use by RAV's the Shire will then invite the applicant to enter into an “*Agreement of Conditions for the use of Multi-Combination Vehicles on Local Access Roads*”. This agreement will list all relevant information such as; road/s required, length of road/s, type of freight, trips per day, total tonnage to be freighted, time frame of haulage program, vehicle/trailer registration and contact details of haulage manager, the agreement will also include school bus curfew times and conditions as set by the Shire.

One extension of time past the listed expiry date as documented in individual agreements may be approved on an individual application basis with no fee being applicable. Further extensions will be assessed on an individual basis and may attract further fees at the discretion of the CEO or his nominated Officer).

An administration fee as reviewed and set by Council each year in the Schedule of Fees & Charges is applicable to all successful applicants. Should an applicant ultimately make four loaded RAV movements or less or haul 120 tonnes or less they may make application for a refund of part of their application fee. A written application for any refund must be accompanied by documentation supporting the claim. Any approval for the reduction in fees is at the discretion of the CEO or his nominated Officer only.

Council reserves the right to apply infringements or cancel agreements for breach of conditions as listed in individual agreements.

Infringements shall be applicable under section 2.1 - General Prohibitions of the Thoroughfares Local Law which states (in part):

“A person shall not.....

Drive any vehicle on a thoroughfare contrary to a written directive issued by the Local Government, where such a directive does not conflict or cause conflict with any state law.”