



Council Policy Manual

CP7.1 Electricity Supply – Undergrounding Of Supply Cables

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To define the conditions on which the Council will be prepared to accept responsibility for the cost of reinstating roads and footpaths as a result of the undergrounding of electricity supply cables by the Western Power.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Council will be responsible for the cost of reinstating footpaths and roadways associated with the undergrounding of street lighting cables and low tension mains where it is specifically considered that the undergrounding would be of benefit to the area as a whole by way of providing:-

1. An aesthetically better environment;
2. A more reliable electricity supply to the ratepayers;
3. Improved public relations between those ratepayers who receive the benefit of the supply being underground and the Council.

Subject to the proviso that where the laying of cables is solely for the purpose of connecting new consumers for network reinforcement or for new installation or maintenance purposes, Western Power shall be responsible for the cost of the reinstatement works involved.

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