

Sight Distance Mirrors Guidelines

Background

This document provides guidelines for the approval and installation of sight-distance mirrors as a last resort to improve sight-distance from private driveways onto roadways. Sight distance mirrors should only be considered if all other more effective traffic management and engineering treatments have been exhausted, as they have considerable limitations. The convex shape of sight distance mirrors can result in image, speed and distance being distorted.

Other treatments to consider in the first instance may include:

- Relocation of driveway or access;
- Improvement to sight distance by vegetation trimming, relocation of fencing, or soil removal;
- Concealed entrance signage.

A resident may apply in writing to have a sight distance mirror installed if they believe it will improve sight distance from a driveway and improve public safety. Council Officers will then review the application, and if approved, residents will be responsible to bear all costs of the installation.

Guidelines

Upon receipt of written application to install a sight distance mirror, Council Officers will review the application within the parameters of the below guidelines:

- An application must be made to the General Manager by the property owner, or by a resident with the written authority of the owner.
- Sight distance mirrors will only be approved if it is deemed an improvement to the sight distance from a driveway is desirable on public safety grounds.
- The sight distance deficiency at the driveway and road junction must be significant with no other realistic traffic management or engineering solutions available to improve sight distance.
- Should the installation of a mirror be approved, the purchase and installation of the mirror must be undertaken by Council, including those within State road reservations.
- The applicant must bear all costs associated with the purchase of the mirror and materials, and of Council's installation costs. All costs must be fully paid prior to the scheduling of the works.



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- A sight distance mirror will only be considered for an existing single-use private access. Mirrors for multiple-use accesses will not be approved.
- Neither Council nor the State Government (where applicable) will be liable for any damage caused to the mirror through maintenance activities or other operations.
- The applicant is responsible for all replacement and maintenance costs.

