

CAPRICORN MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

RURAL ROAD CLEAR ZONES

C202

CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION

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GENERAL

C.01 SCOPE

1. The work to be executed under this Specification consists of the clearing of vegetation, both living and dead and road side furniture and/or structures as defined in Clause C.02. The work also includes the disposal, in accordance with Clause C.04 and C.05, of all materials that have been cleared and grubbed.

Extent of Work

C.02 LIMITS OF CLEARING

1. Unless otherwise specified or directed, the area to be cleared is 3 metres from all road infrastructure, inclusive of the area occupied by the completed road formation and associated drainage works and all erosion and sedimentation measures. Limits of clearing shall be determined prior to the commencement of works, taking into consideration site specific influences.

Limits of Clearing

C.03 CLEARING OPERATIONS

1. The area within the dedicated clear zone shall be cleared of all vegetation, both living and dead, with the exception of small shrubs and frangible trees with trunks of a diameter of less than 100mm and certain trees marked for preservation. All road side furniture and/or structures within the clear zone shall also be cleared.

Extent

2. In advance of or in conjunction with clearing operations, effective erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be implemented in accordance with the Specification for CONTROL OF EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION. C211

Erosion Control

3. All trees and tree preservation areas marked on the drawings and identified on site, by Local Government, shall be clearly delineated by the contractor prior to the commencement of clearing operations. The Contractor shall take protective measures during clearing and road construction operations to avoid damaging or destroying trees marked for preservation.

Trees to be preserved

4. All road side furniture and/or structures, within the clear zone, marked on the drawings for reuse shall be stored on-site until able to be reinstated.

Furniture / Structures to be reinstated

5. The Contractor shall plan all operations to ensure that there is no damage to any trees or road furniture outside the specified clearing limits. No growing trees shall be destroyed or damaged by the Contractor other than those specified.

Trees outside Limits of Work

6. Any tree remaining within the road reserve but outside the limits of clearing, which is unsound and likely to fall upon the roadway shall be reported to the local road authority for consideration for removal.

Unsound trees in Road Reserve

7. Any branch, which overhangs the road formation, below a height of 4.2m, shall be cut back to within 0.5m of the tree trunk and disposed of in accordance with Clause C.04.

Overhanging branches

8. Every precaution shall be taken to prevent timber from falling on private property and the Contractor shall dispose of any timber so fallen or produce the written consent from the owner allowing it to remain.

Debris in Private Property

9. Damage of any kind, including damage to trees or fencing, occurring during clearing operations shall be made good by the Contractor.

Damage to Property

C.04 CHIPPING OF CLEARED VEGETATION

1. If the clearing site is within 5 klms of an urban area the wood-chip mulch produced will be stockpiled at a designated location in accordance with the SPECIFICATION for LANDSCAPING 273. Should the site be located more than 5klms from an urban area the mulch is to be spread in a manner that will not impact on the existing road/drainage formations or waterways of the area.

***Wood-chip
Mulch***

2. Where excessive amounts of mulch are created the contractor may seek alternative disposal arrangements with the local road authority.

Excess Mulch

C.05 DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS

1. Unless otherwise specified, all materials cleared in accordance with this Specification shall become the property of the Contractor and shall be legally disposed of.

***Treatment of
Mulch / Refuse***

3. Unless otherwise approved by Local Government in writing, disposal of timber and other combustible materials by burning shall not be permitted.

***Burning not
Permitted***