

Land Drainage - Maintenance of Open Water Courses (1977)

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That the essential features for open water courses and foreshore reserves be determined at scheme plan approval stage and if necessary sufficient engineering design be carried out by the developer to enable Council to fully evaluate the proposals at scheme plan stage.

That as a general principle Council assume responsibility for maintenance provided works are so constructed as to require minimum maintenance ie:

- Formed and grassed suitable for tractor mowing
- Natural vegetation cover acceptable to Council to be retained and the area cleared of rubbish and noxious growth and other unacceptable trees and vegetation
- Planted to give 100% cover with trees, shrubs or ground cover. (Bonding may be required to allow growth to become established)
- Paving or lining at water normal water levels to prevent erosion
- Any combination of the above

That as a general principle the system be designed to enhance its amenity value and credit for recreation purposes only be given in appropriate circumstances.

That where an access is provided as an alternative to the provision of access within the street network and there is no additional amenity value, the land and the works be not considered as a credit for recreation purposes, but a reduction in street width and/or a reduction in yard requirements may be considered in compensation.