

INTRODUCTION

Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) is solely responsible for issuing heavy vehicle permits under the *Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012*.

The Shire of Capel provides advice to Main Roads Western Australia as to the suitability or desirability of adding additional roads to the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network upon request.

Main Roads Western Australia is not bound to accept or abide by the advice of the Shire.

OBJECTIVE

To provide guidance as to the limits of acceptable RAV classifications within the Shire of Capel.

POLICY STATEMENT

Only MRWA may issue heavy vehicle permits. The Shire of Capel wishes to ensure that potential damage due to heavy vehicles on the Local Road Network is limited as far as is possible, without unduly restricting economic activity within the Shire.

Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services publishes a *Framework – Adding a Local Government Road to a Restricted Access Vehicle Network*. Roads which have been added to the Network are available for public information at:
<https://mrwebapps.mainroads.wa.gov.au/hvsnetworkmap>.

The Shire of Capel may support the issue of new RAV permits:

- on roads for which Route Assessment as per the Framework has shown that the road has sufficient carrying capacity and is safe for the class of vehicle being proposed and the class of vehicle being requested is not more than Class N3.3(B), (27.5m length maximum, weight 71 tonne); or
- on roads on which the operator(s) of one or more transport operation(s) enter(s) into agreement with the Shire of Capel for road deterioration co-contributions.

The Shire of Capel will not support:

- permanent assignment of roads for vehicle designs above Class N3.3(B), (27.5m length maximum, weight 71 tonne) however temporary special purpose permits for one-off transport tasks may be considered; or
- concessional (over) loading of any class of vehicle.

POLICY APPLICATION

This policy applies all roads in the Shire of Capel.

Procedure:	
Originating Section: Engineering & Development Services	Relevant Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 1995, s2.7(2) (b)</i>
Reviewer: Director Infrastructure & Development	Delegated Authority:
Adopted: Minute SC0122, 19.01.99	Other References:
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Amendment 22.11.17 Section of Lowrie Rd added to Road Train (Triple Dolly – Vehicle Type A.2-2-3 T.3-3) Sections of Bell & Elgin Roads added to B Doubles. 24.04.19 Amended to reflect changes in MRWA nomenclature and operational management of RAV Permits, list of affected roads removed.	