



## POLICY STATEMENT

# HARVEST TRUCK WARNING SIGNS

**POLICY ADOPTED:** 16 May 2019

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### **Statement of Commitment:**

Bland Shire Council recognises that the agriculture industry is an essential part of our Shires economy and our community. During harvest periods and again when grain is on sold, there is generally a significant increase of large vehicles that use our road network associated with the farming industry. The increased period of demand on our network is not predetermined and may occur with only industry knowledge. This policy recognises the potential hazards associated with the increase of heavy vehicles on our Local Roads during harvest periods and the importance of keeping our road users and community safe.

### **Aim:**

The aim is to provide a consistent and structured approach to warning road users of increased movements of heavy vehicles on our road network during the harvest periods by:

- Providing the farming industry with guidelines developed for the control of traffic movement during the harvest period.
- Providing a design template for the standardisation of signs to be used that comply with relevant Australian Standards and meet the appropriate RTA/AS guidelines.
- Providing guidelines for the responsibility, installation and decommissioning of warning signs used for traffic control during the harvest period.

### **Objectives:**

Warning signs may be used when it is deemed necessary to warn traffic of existing or potentially hazardous conditions on or adjacent to a roadway during harvest periods. The use of such signs has been developed using the industry standards for the control of traffic in NSW.

### **Overview:**

Warning signs require caution on the part of the vehicle operator and may call for a reduction in speed or a manoeuvre in the interest of safety for the motorist or pedestrian. The use of warning signs should be kept to a minimum. Overuse of warning signs, especially for conditions, which are apparent, tends to breed disrespect for signs in general, and they lose their effectiveness.

Warning signs many times have an initial positive effect but soon lose the attention of regular passers-by. Generally, at speeds under 60km/hour motorists using due care can respond to hazards or conditions presented in the roadway without the need for warning signs.

### **Applications:**

Council as the relevant roads authority can only approve proposals on regional and local roads. State and Federal roads will require the approval of the Roads and Traffic Authority and such applications will need to be determined through the Local Traffic Committee.

Applications must be made on the standard application form together with other supporting information required by the "Temporary use of Harvest Truck Warning Signs" guidelines.

Where Council is the Roads Authority, the applicant will be notified in writing within a target timeframe of 14 days advising whether:

- The application has been approved;
- The application has been rejected;
- The application must be referred to the Local Traffic Committee for consideration; or
- Additional information is required.

Details in relation to how to make applications are provided in the guidelines.

Council shall keep and maintain a Register for all sign applications submitted to Council under this Policy. Details in relation to costs, permit period, sign and site specifications is provided in the guidelines.

**Related Documents:**

- Application/Approval Form “Temporary use of Harvest Truck Warning Signs”

**References:**

- RTA Traffic Control and Worksites
- Australian Standards AS 1742.2 (Devices) Clause 4.11.2.5
- Australian Standards AS 1742.3 (Traffic Control Devices) Clause 3.16.2
- Australian Standards AS 1743
- Austroads Part 8 – Traffic Control Devices

**Review:**

The policy will be reviewed by Council within two years from the date of adoption with the Guidelines “Temporary use of Harvest Truck Warning Signs” amendments as required by the Director of Assets and Engineering Services.

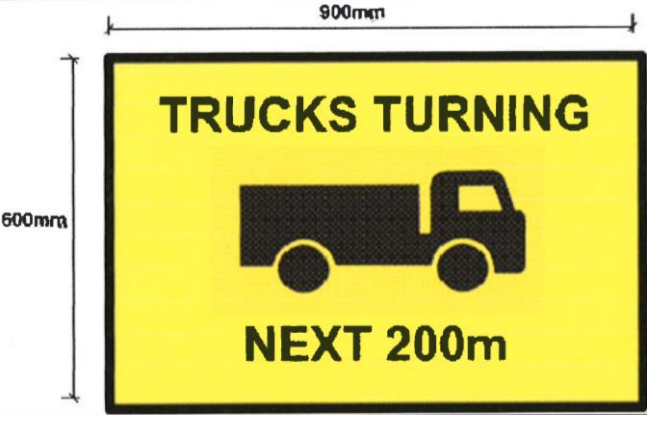
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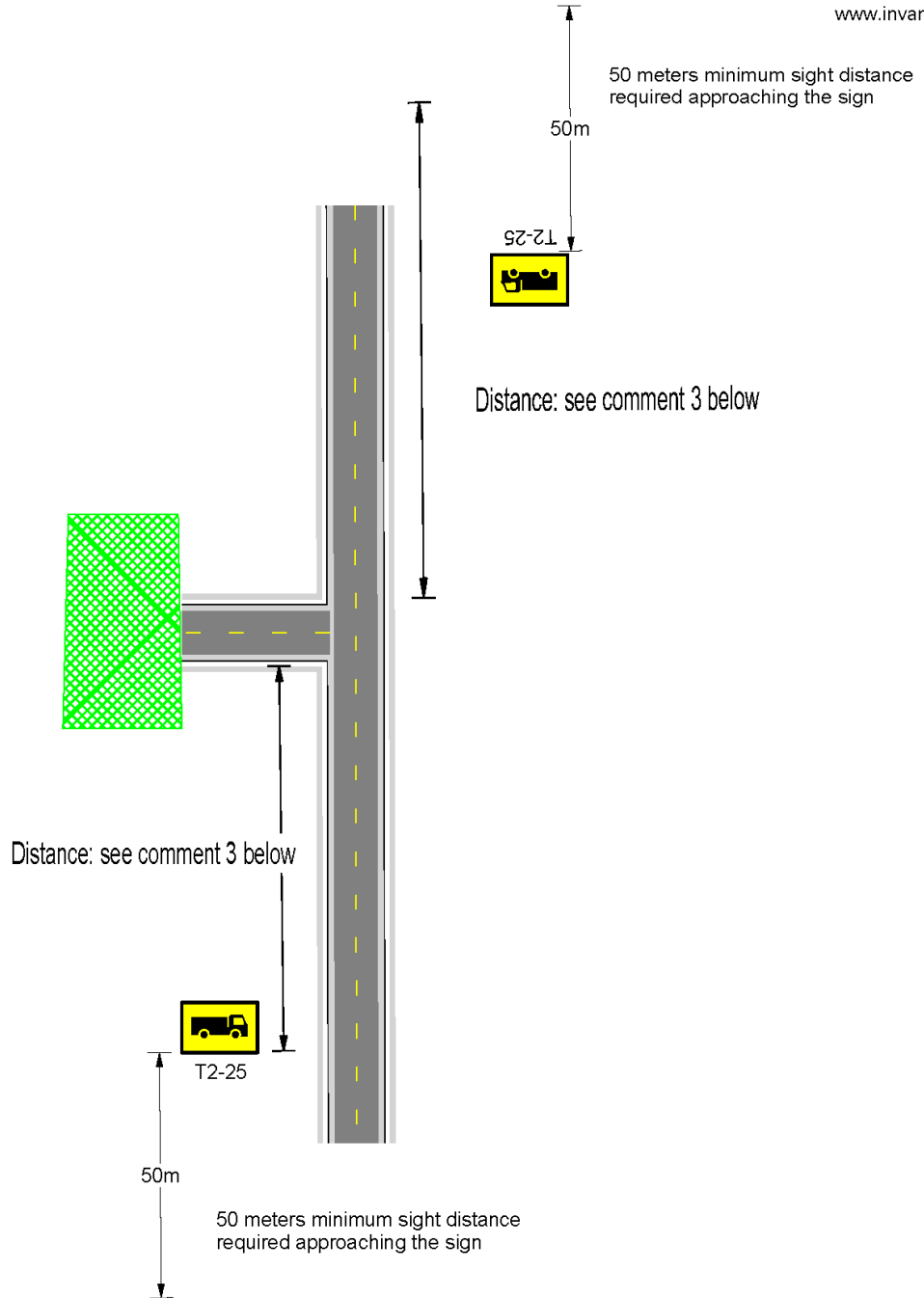
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<b>Owner</b>	<b>Director Assets and Engineering Services</b>		
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<b>Superseded Policy</b>			
<b>Date of Adoption/ Amendment</b>	<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Review Date</b>
18 March 2014	0		March 2016
16 May 2019	1		16 May 2021
<b>Related Council Policy / Procedure</b>			

## Trucks (Crossing or Entering) (Symbolic)

<b>Sign No:</b>	T2-25
<b>Descriptions</b>	Trucks (Crossing or entering) (Symbolic)
<b>Standard sign?</b>	Yes
<b>Delegated to Council for authorisation</b>	Not Required
<b>Legislative Reference</b>	NA
<b>Primary Technical Reference</b>	RTA Traffic Control at Worksites
<b>Additional Primary Technical References</b>	AS 1742.2 (Devices) Clause 4.11.2.5
<b>Situation Diagram</b>	AS 1742.3 (Traffic Control Devices) Clause 3.16.2

## Sign Size

<b>Sign Graphic</b>	
<b>Size</b>	A
<b>Width</b>	900
<b>Height</b>	600
<b>RTA Cat No.</b>	
<b>Symbols/Legend</b>	Black
<b>Background</b>	CI 1 Yellow
<b>Edge</b>	Black
<b>Border</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	For details please refer to AS 1743



**Date:** 14/5/2019 **Project:** HARVEST TRUCKS

**Comments:**

1. Plan must be Authorised by Bland Shire Council before use Ph 69722266
2. Signs to be installed and decommissioned according to RMS Traffic Control at Worksites guidelines.
3. Signs to be set-out the following approach distances from truck turning area
  - 100kph Zone= 200m
  - 80Kph Zone= 160m
  - 60Kph Zone= 120m
4. Sight distance approaching the sign will be a minimum of 50m and vegetation obscuring the sign must be cleared



# BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

## Application to Install Temporary Harvest Trucks Warning Signage

### TYPE OF APPLICATION

I/We hereby apply for permission to:

Use temporary "Harvest Trucks" warning signage (t2-25) on a Local or Regional Road to which Council are the Local Roads authority.

### APPLICANT

Company (if applicable)

Contact person

First Name

Surname

Number/Property Name

Street/Road

Town

State

Postcode

Telephone

Mobile

Email

### ADDRESS OF PROPERTY/SILO

Number/Property Name

Street/Road

Town

State

Postcode

### CONDITIONS

The applicant must have Workers Compensation Insurance as required by current legislation and if required under legislation to maintain Workers Compensation Insurance will provide a copy of their certificate of currency to Council.

The applicant must comply with WHS and Workers Compensation Legislation.

The applicant must adhere to appropriate Traffic Control Plan as per AS742.3 or RTA Traffic Control at Work Sites (1998) (see sample plans). Any person required to act as traffic controller is to have a current RTA approved Traffic Controllers Certificate, a copy of which is to be provided with the application.

The applicant will indemnify Council, its agents, servants and employees and may be required to settling claims that are brought against Council and shall provide a copy of their Certificate of Currency indicating Public Liability Insurance cover of not less than \$20 million arising out of the use of the unregistered vehicles.

**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE**

The applicant, or the applicant's agent, must sign the application.

Signature

Name

In what capacity are you signing if you are not the applicant?

Date

**PERMISSION**

- Certificate of Currency attached – Public Liability \$20 Million Cover
- Certificate of Currency attached – Workers Compensation
- RTA Traffic Controllers Certificate

PERMISSION GRANTED subject to the above conditions being strictly complied with.

Authorising Council Officer

Fee Paid

Entered into Service Request System

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Approved sign design for use
- Sample of TCP for reference only.