

SELECTION OF ROAD NAMES AND PUBLIC PLACES POLICY

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Related Documents	Australian Standards 1742.5 – 1986, 4212 – 1994, 4590 – 2006, 1742.5 – 1997 Guidelines for the Selection of Names for Roads in SA
Public Consultation Required	Yes
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Purpose	To have a formal process for assigning a name to all sealed and formed roads, and public places, within the Council area.

1. INTRODUCTION

The *Local Government Act 1999* (the LG Act) requires Councils to prepare and adopt a policy relating to the assigning of road names and public places under Section 219 of the Act.

This policy has drawn on the *Guidelines for the Selection of Names for Roads in SA*, which were developed for the Rural Property Addressing Project, and the relevant Australian Standard¹.

¹ AS/NZS 4918:2003 Geographic Information – Rural and Urban Addressing

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2. POLICY

A Council has the power under Section 219 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the LG Act) to assign a name to, or change the name of:

- a public road;
- a private road; and
- a public place.

Council *must* assign a name to each public road created by land division².

It is Council's policy that all sealed public roads and all formed public roads within the Council area that are regularly accessed will be assigned a name. This does not include 'unmade' road reserves.

All formed private roads that are accessible to the public (with the exception below) will also be assigned a name. This includes roads within complexes such as universities, hospitals, retirement villages, and roads in forests or parks etc. Private roads with five or less property addresses do not need to be named. In these cases address numbers will be assigned off the road that the private road exits on to.

All roads that can be used as part of an address for an address site will be assigned a name.

Road name signs that identify each public road will, as far as practicable, be placed at every road intersection and will clearly indicate the road to which it applies.

3. INITIATING THE ROAD AND PUBLIC PLACE NAMING PROCESS

A road and public place naming process may be initiated if:

- a request is received by the Council from an affected land owner or their agent;
- Council resolves that a name change be investigated;
- Council staff determine it is in the public interest to investigate a change in road or public place name;
- Council opens or forms a road or public place; or
- Council receives an application for a land division.

4. NAMES

In the naming and renaming of public roads and public places the following principles will be observed.

4.1 Uniqueness

A road or public place will have only one name.

A road or public place name will be unique within an official suburb or rural locality. Duplicate road or public place names within a suburb/locality will be resolved in order to avoid confusion (eg emergency services response).

² This requirement applies from 1 July 2010 – the commencement date for Section 219(1a) of the LG Act.

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4.1 Uniqueness (Cont'd)

Roads or public places that are maintained by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) will be named by DPTI. Council will consult with DPTI in relation to naming these roads.

Duplicate names and similar sounding names (e.g. Paice, Payce or Pace Roads) within a suburb or locality will be avoided where possible.

If possible, duplication of names in proximity to adjacent suburb or locality will also be avoided. However, roads crossing Council boundaries should have a single and unique name.

Wherever practicable, road names will be continuous from the logical start of the road to the logical end of the road, irrespective of Council boundaries, landforms and intersecting roads.

4.2 Name Sources

Sources for road names may include:

- fallen servicemen and women,
- long-term resident families in the community,
- any person who has achieved State, National and International recognition.

Names will be selected so as to be appropriate to the physical, historical or cultural character of the area concerned.

Where a road name recognises a fallen serviceman, the street sign shall be marked with the symbol of a poppy to indicate this.

The origin of each name will be clearly stated and recorded as part of the Council's historical records.

Council will maintain a list of approved road names. Council may periodically undertake a public call for names to be added to the approved list. Once a name is added to the approved list by resolution of Council, the Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority to allocate names from the list to roads in new developments.

4.3 Propriety

Names, which are characterised as follows, will not be used.

- Offensive or likely to give offence;
- Incongruous - out of place; or
- Commercial or company.

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4.4 Communication

Names will be easy to read, spell and pronounce in order to assist service providers, emergency services and the travelling public.

Unduly long names and names composed of two or more words should be avoided:

- a given name will only be included with a family name where it is essential to identify an individual or where it is necessary to avoid ambiguity. The use of given names will generally be avoided;
- whilst street and cul-de-sac names should have only one word, it is recognised that some roads require a two word name because of their geographic relationship e.g. Proof Range Road;
- roads with double destination names will be avoided, eg Koolunga-Redhill Road.

4.5 Spelling

Where it is intended that a road have the same name as a place or feature with an approved geographical name, particular care will be taken to ensure that the correct spelling of the official place name is adopted as shown in the State Gazette.

Where the spelling of names has been changed by long established local usage, unless there is a particular request by the local community to retain the original name, the spelling that is sanctioned by general usage will be adopted.

Generally road names proposed or approved will not contain abbreviations e.g. the "Creek" in "Wallaby Creek Road" must not be abbreviated. There are, however, two exceptions, "St" will always be used in place of "Saint" and it is acceptable to use "Mt" for "Mount".

4.6 Form

The apostrophe mark 'will be omitted in the possessive case e.g. "Smith's Road" will be "Smiths Road".

Names will avoid the use of the possessive "s" unless the euphony becomes harsh e.g. "Devil Elbow".

The use of hyphens will be avoided. However, hyphens may be used when naming a road after a person with a hyphenated name.

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4.7 Road Type

Road names will include an appropriate road type suffix conforming with the following guidelines:

- The suffix chosen will be compatible with the class and type of road. Assistance to both the motorists and pedestrians is a major consideration in choosing the suffix.
- When a suffix with a geometric or geographic connotation is chosen it will generally reflect the form of the road, eg,
 - Crescent - a crescent or half moon, re-joining the road from which it starts;
 - Esplanade - open, level and often along the seaside or a river.
- For a cul-de-sac use Place, Close, Court or a suffix of similar connotation.
- Highway (HWY) will be specifically reserved for roads associated with the state arterial road network. Its use will be restricted to roads of strategic importance constructed to a high standard.

The following list of suitable road type suffixes is included as examples. [The list has been sourced from Australian Standards AS 1742.5 - 1986 and AS 4212 – 1994. An expanded road type list and acceptable abbreviations can be sourced from AS 4590:2006. In most instances the connotations are clear but where necessary a definition can be checked in a dictionary.] Only road types shown in the standards documents will be used.

Alley	Avenue	Boulevard	Bypass
Circle	Circuit	Circus	Close
Court	Crescent	Drive	Arcade
Grove	Lane	Mews	Parade
Parkway	Place	Plaza	Promenade
Road	Row	Square	Street
Terrace	Walk	Way	

4.8 No Prefix or Additional Suffix

The use of a compass point prefix/suffix or an additional suffix such as “north” or “extension” will be avoided, particularly where new roads are to be named. Where an existing road is subsequently bisected as a result of traffic management planning or some other reason, it may be appropriate to delineate each half of the road by the addition of a compass point suffix for the purposes of assisting the community and the emergency services to locate the appropriate part of the road.

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5. NAMING OF PRIVATE ROADS

This policy covers all formed roads that are regularly accessed and therefore includes private roads. Where Council proposes to assign a name to a private road it may consult with the owner of the land, however the name will be assigned in accordance with this policy.

6. CONSULTATION WITH ADJOINING COUNCILS

If a Council decides to change the name of a public road that runs into the area of an adjoining Council, the Council will give the adjoining Council at least two months notice of the proposed change and consider any representations made by the adjoining Council in response to the notice. [See s.219(2) of the LG Act]

7. PUBLIC NOTICE OF NAME ASSIGNMENT OR CHANGE

Council will give public notice of the assigning or changing of a road name. This will be by publication in the Government Gazette and by notice in a newspaper circulating generally throughout the State, as required under the LG Act as well as in an appropriate newspaper. Public notice will include the date that the new name takes effect (see below) and notice will also be published on the Council's website www.pirie.sa.gov.au

8. ADVISE RELEVANT PARTIES OF NEW NAME OR NAME CHANGE

Council will provide written notice (e.g. by email) of Council's decision on a new road name or name change to all relevant parties, including:

- Registrar-General;
- Surveyor-General; and
- Valuer-General [see s.219(3)(a) of the LG Act]
- the owner of the road (if a private road);
- owners of abutting properties;
- Australia Post;
- Telstra;
- SA Water;
- ETSA Utilities;
- SA Police;
- SA Ambulance Service; and
- SA Metropolitan Fire Service and/or Country Fire Service.

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9. DATE OF EFFECT FOR NEW NAMES OR NAME CHANGES

The date of effect of the new or changed road name will be determined at the time of the decision to assign the name so as to allow sufficient time for all stakeholders to make arrangements to ensure a smooth transition.

The date of effect will be determined after considering:

- In respect of renaming an existing road, the impact on existing property owners, residents, tenants and occupiers. For example the time required to advise relevant parties to change letterhead stationary and advertising references;
- Potential confusion for people using maps and street directories that effectively become out of date; and
- The desire of some developers to sell property 'off the plan' and the opportunity for new owners to know their future address at an early stage.

The Register of Public Roads will be updated as required by s.231 of the LG Act.

10. NAME SIGNAGE

Every effort will be made to ensure that road naming signage is in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard (AS 1742.5 – 1997). (Signage may be erected during construction of a sub-division).

Signage for public places will be installed as deemed appropriate.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

This policy will be available for inspection at the Council offices listed below during ordinary business hours and available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council's internet site: www.pirie.sa.gov.au

- Port Pirie Council Administration Centre, 115 Ellen Street, Port Pirie
- Crystal Brook Rural Office, Bowman Street, Crystal Brook.

Copies will be provided to interested parties upon request, and upon payment of a fee in accordance with Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

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