



Thames-Coromandel District Council

Code of Practice for Subdivision and Development

(Engineering Standards)

November 2013

Foreword

The 2012 version of the Thames-Coromandel District Council "Code of Practice for Subdivision and Development (Engineering Standards)" is the result of an extensive review process taking over two years to complete. Input has been received from Councillors, Council officers, and local consultants and developers.

The document is closely aligned with engineering practice in other neighbouring Councils, but is still unique to the Thames-Coromandel District.

Purpose and Objective of the Engineering Standards

Council's "Code of Practice" (referred to as the "COP") provide a means of compliance with the Rules and Performance Criteria of the District Plan, and specify minimum acceptable requirements to be followed in all practical circumstances.

The primary purpose of the COP is to ensure that the assets to be vested in Council achieve acceptable levels of service (capacity, maintainability and useful working life). The goal is to achieve public assets which are modern (i.e., current best-practice), cost-effect, and durable.

Ongoing Review Process

The COP will require continuous review and amendment in response to changes in engineering best-practice and feedback from the field. Further review and any associated investigations will be managed by an in-house Technical Review Committee comprising key users of the standards within Council, in particular the Area Managers, Manager Infrastructure, Development Planning Engineer, the GIS Manager, the Principal Planner and the District Plan Manager. The committee will meet regularly to discuss issues related to the use of the standards.

An annual review of the Engineering Standards will be reported back to the Council. More urgent amendments will be reported as, and when, required. The annual review will include a consultation process seeking comments from consultants, developers, suppliers and other regular users of the standards.

Public Enquiries

Public enquiries will be managed by Planning and Infrastructure. Written comments on the standards should be directed to:

Planning Manager
Thames-Coromandel District Council
Private Bag
Thames

Acknowledgement

A number of consultants and developers also provided comments on the draft standards. Some of these comments have been incorporated in the current version, while others will be given more detailed consideration in future reviews.

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