

## Introduction

The former Tamworth City Council had a road widening program dating back to the early 1980's. The purpose of the program was to ensure that specifically identified streets and laneways in the older residential areas of Tamworth would be upgraded in accordance with recognised vehicular access standards.

The program was last reviewed in 2001. As a result of the review, it was decided not to pursue widening in some areas, where the existing arrangements were satisfactory, and to add some properties, primarily in Griffin Avenue.

The decision to acquire land for road widening purposes was made by Council resolution on 25 September 2001.

## When is road widening undertaken?

With few exceptions, Council has not actively pursued acquisition of land identified in its road widening program. Instead, development such as subdivision and residential development prompts the acquisition of the required land.

It should be noted that, wherever possible, Council makes consideration to mitigate the impact of the road widening on the site.

## How much road widening is proposed?

The amount of road widening varies according to the number of properties served, and the ultimate standard of construction which is desired. In some

instances, a definitive width of road widening has been determined, in others, an overall width has been nominated.

## What happens when Council must acquire land for road widening?

When Council needs to actively pursue acquisition of road widening on a parcel of land, acquisition is negotiated by private treaty agreement, or as a last resort, acquired in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

It is recognised that many properties affected by the road widening program contain buildings with significant value, either as someone's home, or as an item of the environmental heritage.

## Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991

The [objects of the Act](#) explain its purpose.

## Need Help?

Contact Council's Duty Planner by phone on (02) 6767 5507 or call into Ray Walsh House in Peel Street, Tamworth for assistance between 9.00am and 10.30am or 3.30pm and 5.00pm weekdays