

POLICY



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Policy title: SHADING OF STREET LIGHTS

Directorate: ROAD & WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Branch: ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

Policy objective: To provide a process by which the obtrusive effects of glare from street lights can be managed in order to assist residents.

Policy scope:

This policy is to be used for the modification of standard Energex street light fittings, because of discomfort experienced by some residents due to the visibility of the light source or unique conditions resulting in excessive light spillage, specifically into bedrooms.

Definitions:

Not applicable.

Policy statement:

The following procedure is to be undertaken for this policy:

1. Where a new street lighting installation has been designed to the Standards Australia Code requirements, the fitting of shades or shields will interfere with luminaire distribution such that compliance with the Standards Australia Code is negated.
2. It is not generally the policy of Energex to fit shades to street light luminaires; however, where it is considered that where extreme hardship is experienced, modifications to the standard fittings can be negotiated with Energex.
3. As Council contributes to lighting installations and accepts future running costs, Energex will only accept authorisation for any modifications from Council.
4. The following modifications only are acceptable, and standard Energex charges apply:
 - (a) supply and fit a standard internal baffle to the luminaire
 - (b) replace the standard luminaire with an aeroscreen unit
 - (c) supply and fit a unique shield to a standard luminaire or aeroscreen unit
 - (d) supply and fit an adhesive shield to a standard luminaire.
5. Shading or shielding of street lights shall be considered under the following conditions:
 - (a) that no detrimental effect is caused to the overall lighting of the area
 - (b) in the case of an existing street light, the complainant is required to fund the costs of a shade or shield

- (c) when a new light is installed or upgraded in a residential street following due process of consultation, the complainant is required to fund the cost of a shade or shield. However, if the light is causing problems to residents through excessive light spilling into bedrooms, Council may provide 50/50 funding
- (d) when road lighting is upgraded by development, any complaint be referred in the first instance to the developer concerned
- (e) complaints received as a result of Council funded upgrading schemes such as "Black Spot Projects", and if considered warranted, the cost of shades or shields be charged against the respective jobs
- (f) that where a complainant has agreed to contribute to the full cost or half the cost of luminaire modification as the case may be, payment shall be made to Council who in turn will issue an order to Energex to carry out the work.

Related policies/legislation/other documents:

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