

FACTSHEET

Roadside Slashing



Roadside slashing is for safety, visibility and access

Roadside slashing is an essential Council service needed to maintain a safe and functional road network. Across the Shire, local roads are maintained by Mareeba Shire Council

Slashing helps to:

- Maintain road safety by improving visibility at bends, intersections and property accesses.
- Manage vegetation on road shoulders to support safe access for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle recovery.
- Keep drainage, road signs and safety markers clear and visible.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are my responsibilities as a Property Owner?

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the road reserve adjoining their property and from the front of their property boundary to the area Council manages for road safety purposes.

Council does not maintain private property or vacant blocks. If you believe a property is overgrown or presents a potential safety concern, please report it to Council for assessment.

How often are roadsides slashed?

Areas in and around Mareeba, Bibbohra and Dimbulah are slashed twice a year. Areas in and around Mount Molloy, Julatten, Kuranda, Koah, Speewah are generally slashed 3 to 4 times a year depending on the wet season. At times a select area will be slashed as required.

Council will usually begin the first round of slashing in late February and weather permitting a second round in May.

Why is my road not slashed?

Council will try to reach every road on the slashing schedule, but wet weather may impact the regularity or timeframe of this being actioned.

If you believe your road requires slashing, you can submit a request for Council to assess. Works are scheduled based on risk, priority, seasonal conditions and available resources.

How much of the roadside is slashed?

Where a road is scheduled for slashing, Council generally slashes *up to two mower widths* from the edge of the road. Council may slash up to 3 or 4 mower widths on corners where visibility is hindered or where required for safety.

Council's roadside slashing program is focused on maintaining safe access for road users, Council does *not* slash entire road reserves or roadside areas for appearance.

Further information

For more information, contact Council on 1300 308 461 or visit www.msc.qld.gov.au

