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#### **BACKGROUND**

In order to minimise the potential for 'slip, trip and fall' injuries to occur, Council has developed a risk management approach to Council's footpath and cycleway networks.

Council has recognised that 'slips, trips, and falls' associated with footpath and cycleway networks form a significant percentage of public liability claims received by council's within NSW.

The procedures developed for this purpose are derived from industry best practice as documented in the "Statewide Mutual Best Practice manual – Footpaths, Nature Strips and Medians".

This policy applies to footpaths and cycleways surfaced with concrete, asphaltic concrete, bitumen seal or pavers.

This policy does not apply to turfed, gravel surfaced or unformed footpaths, boardwalk, walkways or walking trails.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To support procedures for the inspection, evaluation and maintenance of footpaths and cycleways.

#### **PRINCIPLES**

- To provide a managed level of public safety for users of the footpath and cycleway networks.
- To extend the life of the footpath and cycleway assets by timely maintenance and rehabilitation.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

- Council aims to provide a managed network of footpaths and cycleways for pedestrians and cyclists to utilise.
- The policy, together with the procedures, provides the guidelines for managing the footpaths and cycleways.
- Council will within its budgetary constraints, endeavor to provide level of funding each year to meet the maintenance requirements documented in the procedures.

#### **RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS**

- Register of footpath and cycleway network
- Inspection and assessment procedures

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