



Policy

TOPIC:

**SIGNIFICANT ROADSIDE
ENVIRONMENT AREA SIGNS**

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Attached is a policy detailing the signposting for Significant Roadside Environment Areas on State Roads in New South Wales.

A statewide policy is necessary to ensure a consistent application of signposting across all RTA Regions.

The features of this policy are:

- ◆ It allows for the identification of Significant Roadside Environment Areas on State Roads.
- ◆ It provides details of sign design, ordering and placement.

This policy is to take effect immediately.

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BACKGROUND

The Minister for Roads announced the establishment of the NSW Roadside Environment Committee (NSWREC) in 1994, in recognition of the importance of roadside natural and cultural resources. The committee has been supported financially by the RTA and the Department of Local Government. The RTA also has a Roadside Environment Policy, which states “in partnership with Local Government, other agencies and the community, the RTA will work to improve the management and enhancement of the roadside environment.”

The NSWREC has developed standard “Significant Roadside Environment Area” signs for Local Government, RTA and others, to alert roadside users (eg. drovers, road crews, electricity maintenance crews etc) that the roadside area requires special care.

The principle objective of this RSTM Policy is to ensure consistent application on all State Roads in New South Wales.

SCOPE

This policy outlines the RTA’s:

- i. Traffic engineering requirements for Significant Roadside Environment Area signs on State Roads;
- ii. Administration arrangements for considering Significant Roadside Environment Area signs on State Roads;

DEFINITION

Significant Roadside Environment Area Sign:

A sign indicating that the road reserve, or a feature within it, represents a Significant Roadside Environment Area.

***TRAFFIC
ENGINEERING
REQUIREMENTS***

Location:

- ◆ Significant Roadside Environment Area signs will be located at the start and end of significant sites.
- ◆ Where both sides of the road are assessed as significant, signs will be erected on both sides.
- ◆ All signs will be erected parallel to the road. The signs are not to be erected to be read by moving traffic. At sites where these signs have already been erected perpendicular to the road, road authorities are encouraged to rotate the signs to be in accordance with this policy.

Design:

- ◆ The Significant Roadside Environment Area sign will have black lettering on a white background, with a coloured logo.
- ◆ The sign will include a contact phone number and site code.
- ◆ At sites where it is unclear in which direction the Significant Roadside Environment Area is located, an arrow should be placed on the sign to the right of the legend "Area".
- ◆ The signs are 600mm x 400mm and are made from metal.
- ◆ Each sign will be erected on a freestanding metal post.

***ADMINISTRATION
ARRANGEMENTS***

- ◆ The NSW Roadside Environment Committee assesses applications from road authorities, landcare groups etc. for eligibility for signposting under this policy. Their contact details are:

NSW Roadside Environment Committee
PO Box 470
WINDSOR NSW 2756
phone 02 4587 7564
fax 02 4577 6236
email rec@jawin.org.au

- ◆ Signs are to be ordered from the NSW Roadside Environment Committee. Order forms are available on request.
- ◆ Councils should be encouraged to adopt this policy on roads under their care and control.