



Road Safety & Traffic Management Directorate Policy

TOPIC:

**ROADSIDE SERVICES IN REMOTE
AREAS**

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Attached is a policy detailing the signposting requirements for roadside services in remote areas of New South Wales.

There is increasing visitation to remote areas in which few services are available. A policy is necessary to standardise service signposting in the interests of guidance and road safety.

The features of this policy are:

- ◆ It defines that part of New South Wales considered as a remote area for the purposes of service signposting.
- ◆ It details sign design and placement.

This policy is to take effect immediately.

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ROADSIDE SERVICES IN REMOTE AREAS

BACKGROUND

An increasing number of tourists and other road users are using remote areas of New South Wales for the first time. Published maps often mislead road users by indicating property names, minor localities and roads that in reality provide little or nothing in the way of roadside services. There is an identified need to signpost those services that do exist.

The principle objective of this RSTM Policy is to ensure consistent application on all State Roads in remote areas of New South Wales. Local Government is to be strongly encouraged to adopt this policy on roads under their control.

SCOPE

This policy outlines the RTA's:

- i. Traffic engineering requirements for remote area service signs on State Roads;
- ii. Administrative arrangements for considering remote area service signs on State Roads.

DEFINITIONS

Remote Area Service Sign:

A sign detailing the site of the next service(s) along with the relevant symbols, location and distance.

Remote Area (see attached map):

That area of New South Wales bounded by:

MR 68 between South Australia and Wentworth (but not including it),
the Sturt Hwy between Wentworth and Hay (but not including it),
the Cobb Hwy between Hay and Booligal (but not including it),
the Lachlan Valley Way between Booligal and Hillston (but not including it),
the Kidman Way between Hillston and Bourke (and including it),
the Mitchell Hwy between Bourke and Barrington (but not including it),

the Queensland border between Barrington and South Australia, and the South Australian border.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS

Location:

- ◆ Remote area service signs will be located on State Roads as soon as practicable on the departure side of intersections with other State Roads. Normally this will mean about 300m beyond any existing reassurance direction sign.

Design:

- ◆ All remote area service signs will have white retro-reflective lettering on a retro-reflective blue background.
- ◆ The legend on the sign will read:

NEXT SERVICES

(appropriate symbols – up to five)

“Town Name”

“distance”km

If the town name is short, the distance information may be included on the same line.

- ◆ The letter series and sizes will be 160D for “NEXT SERVICES”, 400mm tile height for the symbols, 160/120 Mod E for the town name and distance.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

- ◆ RTA Regional Client Services will be responsible for designing all new signs in accordance with this policy.
- ◆ Signs will be considered for funding under the Traffic Management program on the basis of Regional program proposals.
- ◆ Councils should be strongly encouraged to adopt this policy on roads under their care and control.

