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NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JANICE KERSHAW - GUIDELINES FOR WORKING BENEATH COUNCIL ASSETS

Councillor Janice Kershaw has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that –

- 1 Council establish a working group to develop a set of guidelines for the process to be followed when utilities or the RMS need to undertake work beneath Council assets. The guidelines should cover but not be limited to –
 - a Advanced communication be provided to Council including the scope, date and time of the proposed work.
 - b Council officers must be onsite and oversee the removal of the surface covering.
 - c Council officers retain the removed material for reuse if possible.
 - d Council repair the asset if it is in a location that impacts the surrounding landscaping.
- 2 Council write to the appropriate Ministers responsible for the various utilities that run under the footpaths and roads that Council is responsible for construction and maintenance, to nominate a representative to be a member of the working group. This person should have the discretion and delegation to contribute and sign off on the final guidelines.”

Background provided by Councillor Janice Kershaw:

Council has had the ongoing issue of utilities undertaking work under Council assets such as footpaths and roads. Often this occurs in areas that Council has spent a considerable of money enhancing the space.

Currently the utility is only required to repair the surface to a base standard, which is usually bitumen. This activity detracts from the work that Council has undertaken and the amenity of the area.