

## OBJECTIVES

This guideline is intended to provide general information on Hepburn Shire Council's approach to public street lighting and how Council considers requests for new street lights.

Public street lighting is primarily required to provide safe and comfortable movement at night for both pedestrians and vehicles.

## LEVEL OF SERVICE

Powercor owns the streetlight network and manages the provision of service on behalf of Hepburn Shire Council, except some decorative streetlights that are directly managed by the Council.

Council does not install streetlights for the purpose of providing security to private properties.

Council will assess new streetlight requests based on merit and criteria outlined in this guideline whilst also considering annual budget allocations for these works.

### Rural Areas

There is no specific standard for lighting on rural roads, due to the low development density and low pedestrian activity. Street lighting is normally provided to illuminate intersections with major roads and critical safety concerns.

### Urban Areas

Streetlights on local roads across Hepburn Shire have been provided to guide pedestrian and vehicles safely through urban areas.

All new subdivisions and upgrade of existing infrastructure are required to use energy efficient streetlights in order to minimise greenhouse gas emissions and minimise operating costs to the community while achieving an appropriate standard of lighting.

## CONSIDERATION OF STREETLIGHT REQUESTS

All requests for improved street lighting will be investigated for compliance with the standards to be achieved.

The following will be considered in assessing and prioritising requests for additional streetlights:

- Accident history at night time
- Population density
- Traffic volume
- Number of dwelling in the street
- Road geometry

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- Speed limit
- Existence of speed humps or road hazards
- Proximity to pedestrian facilities
- Availability of funding

Requests for glare shields and adjustment to existing fixtures will be referred to Powercor for their assessment and quotation. Cost associated with such requests may need to be borne by the customer requested the work.

### ENQUIRIES

Requests for additional or new street lighting or adjustments to lamps are normally investigated and assessed by Council's Engineering Services and referred to Powercor when required.

Requests can be submitted via email to [shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au](mailto:shire@hepburn.vic.gov.au) or phone to Council's Customer Services.

Requests regarding defects and faulty streetlights can be reported directly to Powercor via their website <https://www.powercor.com.au>.