What is renaming of roads in outback areas?

Renaming of roads in outback areas will assist in providing all occupied properties, homes and businesses with a numbered property address. This will be consistent with the national standards for Australia and New Zealand.

These road names will be allocated by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and property owners will be notified of their new address once all feedback has been received and new road names processed.

An address will consist of:

- a distance-based road number
- road name
- locality
- postcode

The new addresses will not affect residents’ privacy. It will only identify the property, not who lives there.

How a road name is worked out

Rosalind have been renamed using the following principles:

- dual directional road names have been removed
- in most cases the furthermost homestead name has been used to rename the entire road from the main road
- when an outback road continues into a council area, the council’s road name will be used where practical

Why it is being implemented?

Currently, finding many properties relies heavily on people’s knowledge of the local area and reference points. This can be confusing, time consuming and frustrating.

Giving properties in outback areas a consistent address will:

- assist emergency services - e.g. ambulance and service providers find properties - e.g. Telstra
- improve the safety of people in rural areas (by giving them a specific address)

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• provide a certainty of location and a recognised address that can be understood nationally
• assist people when applying for licenses (e.g. drivers’, firearms)

How an address is worked out
Numbers are worked out based on the distance of a property’s entrance from the start of the road - eg a property 5,080 meters from the start of the road on the right hand side of the direction of travel becomes 508 (e.g. 5,080 divided by 10). Numbers are rounded up or down accordingly. Even numbers are on the right and odd on the left when driving away from the nominated starting point.

The start of the road is determined as the fastest and safest road accessed from the nearest major road or town. Distances are based on data collected using aerial imagery and accurate locating technologies - e.g. GPS. They are accurate to within 10 to 15 meters.

The main rules to remember are:
• odd numbers on the left, even on the right
• the number times 10 refers to the meters the property’s entrance is from the start of the road - add a zero to the end of the number.

Who provides the addresses?
Naming of roads in outback areas is managed by the State Government and Outback Communities Authority are being consulted on road names.

The State Government will:
• provide standard communication, process support and negotiation with third parties
• communicate official addresses to residents

Who to tell about your new address
You should give your new address to:
• family and friends
• businesses and other organisations you deal with - eg bank, medical organisations, motor registration.

Once you have been allocated an address the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure will notify the national address database which is used by:
• Australia Post
• emergency services
• Telstra
• state and federal electoral commissions
• electricity, gas and water authorities.

Road signs
Existing signage to homesteads will remain. In most cases, new signs for re-named roads will not be installed until the existing sign is replaced as part of routine road maintenance purposes. There will be an option for people to purchase and install their address plate in the future.

Further information