



The current Planning and Design Code for residential properties has Deemed To Satisfy/Designated Performance clauses for driveways that include the following:

*“Driveways and access points on sites with a frontage to a public road of 10m or less have a width between 3.0 and 3.2 metres measured at the property boundary and are the only access point provided on the site.”  
(DTS/DPF 19.3)*

There are similar clauses for properties with a frontage greater than 10m and properties where the driveway serves several properties. It is suggested clauses such as these are modified to include the site level of a driveway at the boundary relative to existing public infrastructure such as footpaths eg.

*“Driveways and access points on sites with a frontage to a public road of 10m or less*

- (i) have a width between 3.0 and 3.2 metres measured at the property boundary*
- (ii) and have a finished level at the property boundary that matches the existing footpath*
- (iii) and are the only access point provided on the site.”*

## **Summary**

Some recent developments which included a driveway that require modifications to an existing public footpath, have resulted in the footpath becoming non-compliant with accessibility standards. In some situations the reduction in accessibility is so extreme that wheelchair users are forced to use the roadway as a safer route of travel. To avoid this situation it is suggested that the Planning and Design Code include a requirement for finished levels on driveways to match the existing footpath.

Kind regards  
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