

## Roadside vending on State-controlled Roads

### FACT SHEET

#### 1. General Information

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) must ensure the safety of all road users and promote traffic efficiency on Queensland's roads. It is an offence to conduct roadside activities on a State-controlled Road without a permit.

TMR will only approve roadside vending activities that do not jeopardise road safety or efficiency. Applicants wanting to conduct a roadside vending business should be aware of the safety and technical considerations used by TMR and local government (*see Technical assessment guideline*).

#### 2. What applicants are required to do?

- Persons wanting to conduct roadside vending must contact their local TMR regional office to obtain guidance on applying in any particular area. (Regional offices and local governments may enter into agreements for local governments to administer and enforce roadside vending on behalf of TMR). Advice will be provided on whether the vendor needs to apply to the relevant local government. Alternatively, vendors will need to apply to TMR for a Road Corridor Permit (RCP).
- Further to the above, roadside vending must comply with a range of other state and local government requirements (e.g. food hygiene, workplace health & safety). A technical assessment will also be conducted by TMR.

#### 3. Applications to Local Government

For some local government areas, TMR will advise applicants to submit their applications directly to the relevant local government. Where the local government has no objection to the vending application, it will be

referred to TMR for an assessment of the road safety and traffic efficiency implications.

#### 4. Information required on the initial TMR application

- Name and contact details of business owner and operators.

- The type of business, including full details of the goods or services for sale.
- Name of the road and the proposed vending location(s) with a simple hand sketch of the proposed location with reference to known landmarks or a position marked on a map.
- Full description and dimensions of any vehicle or structure involved.
- The proposed hours of operation.
- Details of all advertising (including proposed location of advertising signs).

#### 5. Applications to TMR

TMR regional offices will consult with the local government in the area that the roadside vending activity is to take place. Where the local government has no objections to roadside vending, the regional office will assess the proposed site for road safety and efficiency before issuing a permit. The permit will be subject to compliance with local government requirements. If local government local laws or planning schemes do not permit roadside vending in the local government area, TMR will not approve any roadside vending applications in that local government area.

#### 6. Technical Assessment

TMR will conduct the initial technical assessment for the RCP for the roadside vending site. In order to minimise the risk or injury to passing traffic and pedestrians, applicants should consider:

- The nature of the entry and exit locations to the roadside vending site.
- The adequacy of nearby parking (e.g. ensure parking is not located on the other side of a busy road).
- The nature of advertising signs to be erected, whether they comply with local government advertising standards and, on SCRs, TMR requirements.
- The adequacy of physical amenity for those with disabilities, people with prams and wheelchairs.

#### Definitions

*“State-controlled Road” means a road or route, or part of a road or route or part of a road corridor declared by the Minister.*