

Location Addressing Fact Sheet

Location address definition

A location address is used to refer to the physical location of a site where there is a requirement for access by person or vehicle, to a property, dwelling or other building or premise, and/or for the delivery of services, utilities or mail.

Addressing authorities in Queensland

Section 60 of the [Local Government Act 2009](#) (QLD), defines Local Government as the authority for approving the naming and numbering of roads, including for private roads. Approving naming and numbering on private roads does not make Local Government liable for the construction, maintenance or improvements of that private road.

Local Governments are viewed as responsible for allocating new location addresses as well as amending existing ones, and ensuring address information is accurate and up-to-date. Localities are determined at state level. The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) collates location addresses and manages the state database.

Addressing standards

Australian standards should be adopted and used by authorities when assigning and amending location address information.

The Australian/New Zealand Standard *Rural and urban addressing* (AS/NZS 4819:2011) provides guidance and requirements for assigning addresses to enable them to be readily and unambiguously identified and located. This Standard provides guidance to addressing authorities, on all elements of address allocation, and how to apply these elements to a range of address site types.

AS/NZS 4819:2011 mandates that a complete location address comprises of at least the following; an address number, a road name, a locality (suburb) name, and a state or territory name.

'867 Main Street, Woolloongabba, Queensland' is an example of a complete location address which meets the minimum requirements.

Benefits of correct addressing

Accurate and consistent location addresses are vital as a unique identifier to enable an entity or person to be found for emergency assistance purposes, for the successful delivery of a variety of services including local government amenities such as waste collection, for connection of utilities such as water, energy and telecommunication distribution, and for the delivery of goods and mail.

Addresses are also utilised for asset management, property valuations, statistical analysis, insurance, and for identification purposes.

The public usually bears the cost of incorrect location addressing through lost business or delays in services such as emergency service response. Consistent, complete, reliable, and accurate addressing helps to avoid negative impacts on government, business and the community.

More information on addressing can found at:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/title/addressing>