

INTERALLOTMENT DRAINAGE LINES

What is an interallotment drainage line?

Inter-allotment drainage (IAD) lines are installed at the time of development by the developer when a subdivision was originally formed. They are designed to manage stormwater on private properties where the stormwater cannot be discharged to the street.

Often the drainage line is located in the yard at the lowest point of the property and may include; grated pits to allow stormwater to drain.

Who is responsible for maintaining and addressing any concerns with interallotment drainage lines?

The property owner is responsible for maintaining IADs on their property.

What role does council have in relation to interallotment drainage lines?

Council is not responsible for any maintenance or investigations associated with IADs.

Council does not become involved with any disputes or mediation between property owners related to IADs.

What happens if the blockage is located on land owned by Council?

If you believe the blockage impacting upstream properties is on Council land and if a contractor needs access to an IAD on Council land, certain permits may be required.

Information on these approvals can be found on Council's website:

<https://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Plan-Build/Stage-3-Conditions-Considerations/Road-footpath-drainage-approvals>

Customer advice about interallotment drainage line issues

If you have a blocked IAD, you should organise for a plumber to inspect the drain on your property to see if they can identify and rectify the problem. If the problem is found, and is not on your property, you will need to speak to the property owner where the issue has been identified. If the problem has not been found, or you are unsure which property owner to speak to, you may choose to write to all properties associated with the IAD.

Should the IAD issue continue to remain unresolved, Council recommends that any property owners or beneficiaries involved attend mediation at the Community Justice Centre. The Community Justice Centre can be contacted on 1800 990 777.

Website: <https://www.cjc.justice.nsw.gov.au/>