

Policy:	Fences on Road Reserve
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This policy ensures that any temporary or permanent fences which are permitted on road reserve are subject to controls which protect both Council and other road users.

2. Application for Temporary or Permanent Fence on Road Reserve

- 2.1 Any application for a temporary, permanent or part of a permanent fence to be erected on road reserve shall be in writing.

- 2.2 On receipt of any such application an on- site meeting shall be held between the applicant and an Authorised Officer to inspect the line of the proposed fence.

The line shall be pegged, taking into account:

- (a) the safety of other road users;
- (b) security of stock;
- (c) topography;
- (d) assessment of alternative fence locations;
- (e) any roadside features such as power poles, signs, safety fences, water tables; and
- (f) any other factor pertaining to the situation of the proposed fence.

- 2.3 The following conditions may apply to a Licence to Occupy for a temporary or permanent fence on road reserve:

- (a) The proposed fence shall remain at the pleasure of Council. Should Council require the fence to be removed from the road reserve then all costs associated with this shall be at the owner's expense;
- (b) Any barberry plants or hedges adjacent to the road boundary shall be completely removed before any fence is placed on road reserve, and no hedges shall be placed within the road reserve;
- (c) All gates shall be recessed to the property boundary line or a minimum distance of 6m from the edge of the road seal, or a point to be determined on site, for an unsealed road;
- (d) Access shall be available at all times to either Council or its agents to maintain either the road, the water table, culverts or any utilities within road reserve;
- (e) There shall not be any electric wires or barbed wires on the proposed fence unless specifically approved by the Director - Assets or Roading Asset Manager;
- (f) The proposed fence shall be placed at least 6.0m from the road centre line;
- (g) The proposed fence shall be maintained to a stock proof condition to the satisfaction of the Director, Assets or Roading Asset Manager;
- (h) There shall not be any waratahs used in the construction of either a temporary or a permanent fence; and
- (i) The Council, at its discretion, may charge an annual fee, as set out in the Council's fees and charges, for the area of land occupied by a permanent fence.