

Policy:	Stock Crossings and Races
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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 This policy ensures that any stock crossing points or races which are permitted on road reserve are subject to controls which protect both Council and other road users.

## 2. Application for Stock Crossing on Road Reserve

- 2.1 Any application for a stock crossing point 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 proposed location, taking into account:
- the safety of other road users
  - assessment of herd size, frequency of use and traffic volumes
  - assessment of alternative locations
  - any other factor pertaining to the situation of the proposed stock crossing point
- 2.3 The following conditions may apply to a Stock Crossing Permit for a stock crossing point on road reserve:
- Temporary warning signs, and flashing lights, may be required to be installed at the applicant's expense and, if so, shall only be visible when the crossing is in use. Warning signs shall comply with such standards or conditions as Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency may use for the colour, size, shape and location of signs and markings.
  - The last 50m of any internal race leading up to the property boundary, and on to the edge of the formed road, shall be:
    - constructed of a surface which is able to be maintained in a manner so that it is free of the accumulation of animal wastes, pugging of the surface and of ponding of stormwater and/or effluent; and
    - formed to a gradient of no less than 1:20; and
    - shaped to ensure that effluent and surface drainage is away from the road surface.
  - No posts, rails, gates, wires, tapes, or any combination, or structure, formed by these materials shall be permitted within the road reserve, except during any period that the crossing is being used by stock.
  - The applicant is to make provision for the clearing of animal effluent, mud and other material from road surfaces after each use of the crossing point. Such material must be disposed of on the applicant's property.
  - Any wash down facilities shall comply with any requirements of the Taranaki Regional Council or Horizons, as appropriate, regarding discharge.

- Applicants will be required to reimburse the Council for the full cost of any road repairs at the crossings which are attributable to the effects of cattle effluent on the road surface.
- Expiry date on the fifth annual anniversary date, or date of revocation, or date of withdrawal of the permit, whichever is the sooner.
- Any other matter, as required by the Director Assets.

### **3. Applications for Stock Race on Road Reserve**

- 3.1 Any application for a stock race on road reserve shall be in writing.
- 3.2 On receipt of any such application, an on site meeting shall be held between the applicant and an authorised officer to inspect the proposed location, taking into account:
- the safety of other road users;
  - the available width of road reserve to accommodate the stock race;
  - the presence of roading assets within the line of the proposed stock race;
  - an assessment of alternative locations; and
  - any other factor pertaining to the situation of the proposed stock race.
- 3.3 The following conditions may apply to a Licence to Occupy for a stock race on road reserve:
- The Licence may be granted only for the use of the person or persons named as the applicant and shall not be transferable.
  - The race shall be constructed of a surface which is able to be maintained in a manner so that it is free of the accumulation of animal wastes, pugging of the surface, and of ponding of stormwater and/or effluent.
  - The race shall be formed with gradients, and crossfall, to ensure that adequate drainage is maintained, and that existing watertable drainage is not impeded.
  - The stock race shall be fenced in accordance with the Stratford District Council Fences on Road Reserve Policy.
  - Expiry date being the lesser of five years or any date on which the ownership of any land adjoining, or opposite to the stock race, is transferred to a person, other than the person or persons named as applicant.
  - Any other matter as required by the Director Assets.