

Grids Policy

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to enable Council to maintain all grids within the Shire, whether on Shire or State Gazetted Roads, in a safe and serviceable condition, and to minimise as far as possible the danger grids or gates pose to the travelling public. To this end Council aims to:

- Maintain all grids and respective signage in a safe and serviceable condition.
- Ensure that all new grids are constructed to a consistently high standard.
- Limit and gradually reduce the number of grids and gates on roads.

NEW CONSTRUCTION (ON NEW FENCE LINES)

Landholders must obtain permission from Council to locate or erect a grid on a road prior to commencing any work on the fence or grid.

Grids and associated signage shall be constructed at the Landholder's expense in accordance with the following:

- TMR Drawing No 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564

Grids will be constructed above ground level up to a maximum height of 600mm.

A 6m wide gate (stock/vehicle movements) shall be constructed not further than 30m and not closer than 10m from the road centre line.

REPLACING EXISTING GRIDS (ON EXISTING FENCE LINES)

Unsafe grids shall be removed by the Shire and only replaced if effective fencing is in place. Grids shall be constructed to a width determined in Section 8 of this policy.

New Grids shall be offset approximately 1.0 to 1.5 metres along road centreline so that either abutment aligns with existing fence line (to allow cleaning access).

Grids shall be installed at existing road/grid height.

REMOVAL OF GRIDS BY FENCING PERIMETERS OF ROAD

Upon consultation with stakeholders, council will consider the option of removing/replacing an existing or proposed grid with an appropriate fencing option.

Consideration will be given to the value addition of such an option to both the council and stakeholder and the short and long term benefits to both parties.

The option of fencing out a grid will be considered on a case by case basis and the decision made upon the following criteria:

- Maintenance value to the Barcoo Shire
- Maintenance value to the stakeholder
- Practicality and application to the roadway
- Contribution by the stakeholder

The funding of a fencing option will be subject to the same conditions as outlined in this policy with respect to grid replacement unless other arrangements are agreed upon between council and the stakeholder.

FENCING AND SIGNAGE

Following construction of the grid, pre-existing fencing shall be pulled up to a stock proof standard by Council.

All permanent fencing shall be the responsibility of the landholder and shall be constructed in accordance with TMR standard drawing 1353 within 6 months of grid construction.

All signage shall be the responsibility of the Shire.

REMOVAL OF GRIDS THAT ARE UNFENCED

After written notification by Council that a grid is not effectively fenced, Council shall remove the grid if the fence is not reinstated to Council's specification within 6 months of the date of the notification.

GATES ON SHIRE ROADS

Landholders shall maintain all gates on their property in a neat and usable state.

Council shall enter into a full sharing arrangement with any landholders wishing to replace gates with grids (1/3 share for boundary grids, 1/2 share for internal grids and 1/2 share for boundaries to reserves).

Notwithstanding the above, Council shall not be required to enter into an arrangement to replace any more than 1 gate per property per year. Council will not be required to enter into any arrangement unless adequate funds are available in Council's budget.

GRID SIZES

All new grid construction within the Shire shall conform to the following minimum widths.

- All other Shire Roads 6m

Where Council is developing a section of Shire Road to a sealed formation, council will have the discretion of upgrading the grid to an 8m structure to conform to the road type and safety standard.

ROAD AESTHETICS (APPEARANCE)

All grids in the Shire (new or existing) shall be free of extraneous items (such as bags, iron or tyres) for a distance of 30m each side of the road. The Shire shall maintain grids.