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PUBLIC GATES AND GRIDS POLICY

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1. Introduction

This policy creates a systematic approach to the management of existing, replacement and new cattle grids and public gates on Council road reserves.

2. Policy Objective / Statement

This policy aims to reduce the exposure of Council to the possibility of a claim through the management of the risks associated with Public Gates and Cattle Grids by:

a. Identifying standards for the construction of Public Gates and Cattle Grids.
b. Defining maintenance responsibilities for Public Gates and Cattle Grids.
c. Define registration and recording procedures for Public Gates and Cattle Grids.
d. Provide a legal framework through which the Public Gate and Cattle Grids Policy can be enforced.
e. Ensure that the location of Public Gates and Cattle Grids does not materially affect the enjoyment of persons or parties wishing to use the District Council of Streaky Bay road Network.

Within the available resources of council's to:

a. Provide safe roads for use by road users;
b. Provide a system of proactive maintenance;
c. Identify areas that require maintenance;

3. Scope

This section outlines the responsibilites for both existing, replacement and new grids installed under a Section 221 of the Local Government Act permit.

Council is responsible for carrying out regular inspections to ensure the facilities comply with specified standards.

Subject to availability of resources, Council staff will inspect Public Gates and Cattle Grids as part of scheduled road network inspections. Any identified condition defects will be documented for rectification or removal in accordance with Council Hazard Management Procedure.

Council staff will respond to Customer Requests and any defects observed during the course of such inspections.

1.1 Existing Public Gates and Cattle Grids (as per the date of this Policy)

Council will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance, of all existing cattle grids, this includes approach and warning signage. The adjacent gate or bypass gate is to remain the responsibility of the property owner.

See further on in this Policy for the Maintenance Standards.

1.2 Replacement or Major Upgrades to Existing Public Gates and Cattle Grids

Future upgrades (replacement) of existing grids will be negotiated with adjoining land owners.

In the circumstance that a property owner wishes to upgrade a grid the construction standards described below must be met and approved under Section 221 of the Local Government Act, all costs associated with the upgrade will be borne by the property owner.

1.3 Request for new Public Grids and Gates

All requests for new public grids and gates must be approved under Section 221 of the Local government Act 1999 in the form of a permit for the alteration of a public road.

All approvals will be issued so that construction standards described in this Policy are met and associated costs covered by the land owner.

4. Construction Standards

All work and design is to be in accordance with Council's Specification, Work Health & Safety requirements, Industry Standards, and applicable Australian Standards.

Applications must provide design details for the structure to cater for heavy vehicle loading and have the design certified by a Structural Engineer.

Figure 1 shows a diagrammatic representation of the construction of a Public Gate and Cattle Grid.

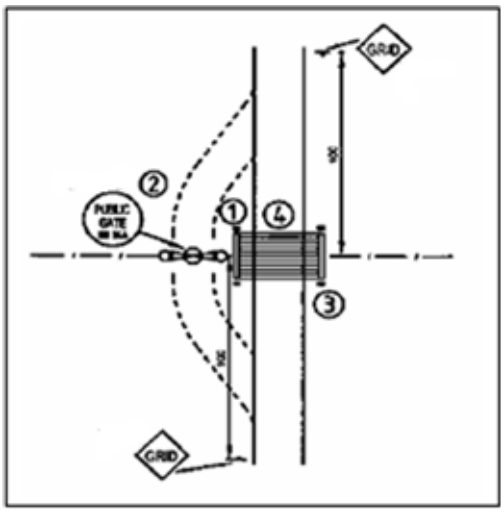


Figure 1 representation of the construction of a Public Gate and Cattle Grid.

Notes:
1 Public Gate requires to be hot dipped galvanised.
2. All appropriate signs.
3. Guide posts with reflectors either side (4)
4. Cattle Grid to be 3.61m wide on narrow gravel road, 7.22m wide on two lane gravel road and not permitted on bitumen sealed road.

4.1 Trafficable Width

The trafficable width of any cattle grid Cattle Grid shall be the greater of the minimum standard trafficable width for the road and the existing formation width. Where an existing Public Gate and Cattle Grid has been constructed with a width less than this, the signage provided should include a "NO OVERTAKING OR PASSING" warning sign on each approach.

The Public Gate shall be made of resilient material of minimum width 3.66 meters and should be arranged to be free swinging and shall remain unlocked. The gate, any support structures, and fencing within the road reserve shall be painted white.

4.2 Cattle Grid Side Track

The cattle grid side track which services the Public Gate is to be constructed to a standard such that it is negotiable by normal two wheel drive vehicles in all weather.

4.3 Signage

Signage is to be erected as per AS 1742.2 Manual of uniform traffic control devices – Traffic control devices for general use. This requires a “GATE” (W5-14) or “GRID” (W5-16) warning sign on either side of the Public Gate between 50m to 200m from the structure. A “Public Gate” sign is also to be displayed on the gate. A set of G9-206(L) and G9-206(R) chevrons are also required on either side of the structure. Where the trafficable width is less than the width of the road approaches signage provided must include a “NO OVERTAKING OR PASSING” warning sign (R6-1A) on each approach.

All existing grids will be signed accordingly and in addition to this have a 5t load limit sign applied, as these grids do not currently meet applicable standards.

5. Maintenance Standards

Road Carriageway (including Grid/Gate)

The property owner may not carry out maintenance works on a carriageway (including Grid/Gate) unless the grid and gate is subject to a Section 221 permit previously approved by Council.

6. Delegations

All new and replacement grids must be presented to Council for approval, the Section 221 permit shall then be issued as per the delegations schedule.

7. Records Management

Council shall keep records of all Section 221 permits issued

All records shall be kept and disposed of in accordance with councils, Records Management Policy & Procedure and the General Disposal Schedule 20 Version 4.

8. Availability of Policy

This policy will be available for inspection at the Council’s principal office during ordinary business hours at no charge. Copies of this policy may be obtained upon request at a cost to be determined by Council from time to time.