

# STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

<b>SECTION:</b> <b>ROADING</b>	
<b>POLICY: <u>FENCES ON ROAD RESERVE</u></b>	
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Many rural property owners seek Council's consent to fence on road reserve for extra grazing, convenience, ie. top of bank, and to keep the road frontage tidy.

This practice is encouraged as in many cases it not only improves the appearance of the roadside but also provides a safety barrier on many of the back country roads.

This policy ensures that such are permitted, subjected to controls which protects not only the road user but also Council.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

1. That permanent electric fences on road reserve be prohibited but where users of the road are not affected (eg where the fence can be placed on top of banks, etc) the erection of light posts, waratah standards, etc, may be permitted but each case shall be approved by the Operations Manager.
2. That temporary electric fences on road reserve be permitted subject to:
  - (a) the fence shall consist only of electric fence standards. The use of battens, light posts and waratah standards will not be permitted.
  - (b) the electric fence shall be removed when not in use.
  - (c) the electric fence shall not be used to control stock at night.
  - (d) electric fences shall not be used to form permanent races along the road reserve.
  - (e) the electric fence shall be erected to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Works.

NB: The definition of an electric fence is a fence that is designed specifically to be electrified for the purposes of repelling livestock.

3. That permanent fences on road reserve be permitted subject to the following procedures and conditions:

### **Procedure**

1. Make application on standard form available from the Service Centre.

2. Upon receipt of the application, an onsite meeting will be arranged to inspect the line of the proposed fence. The position of the fence will be pegged.

Should you disagree with the pegged line, please contact the Operations Manager for a review of your application.

3. After the position of the fence line has been determined a permit will be issued. The fence **shall not be** erected before receipt of the fencing permit.
4. The fencing permit is subject to the following conditions:

#### **Conditions**

1. The proposed fence **shall** remain at the pleasure of the Council, ie. should Council require the fence to be replaced on the legal boundary then all costs associated with this shall be at the owner's expense.
2. Any barberry plants or hedges adjacent to the road boundary shall be completely removed before any fence is placed on road reserve.
3. That live hedges **shall not be** placed on the road reserve.
4. That barbed wire **shall not be** used on the proposed fence.
5. That all gates **shall be** recessed to the existing fence line or 15 metres from the road centre line whichever is the lesser.
6. That access **shall be** available to Council or its' agents at all times to maintain culverts.
7. That there **shall not be** any electric wires on the proposed fence unless specifically approved by the Operations Manager.
8. That the proposed fence shall not be placed nearer than 6.0 metres from the road centre line unless stated otherwise.