

COUNCIL POLICY

Gates and Grids Policy



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DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	20 August 2023
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	Engineering
LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN:	Resource – Best Practise Land Management

1. OBJECTIVE

The following policy has been proposed to address some of the issues with grids in Flinders Shire.

2. SCOPE

To subsidise graziers for the upgrade/replacement or removal of grids from Shire controlled roads (Roads on Council's Road Register). To ensure all grids within the Shire comply with the standards set by Council. (Attached is the Standard Drawing).

3. DEFINITIONS

Gate - means a hinged or sliding barrier used to close an opening in a wall, fence or hedge.

Grid - means a structure designed to permit the movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic along a road but to prevent the passage of livestock.

Public Road - means a road for which the local government is responsible.

Road - is an area of land that is dedicated to public use as a road, a footpath or bicycle path, a bridge, culvert, ford, tunnel or viaduct as defined in section 59 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Structure - means anything that is built or constructed, whether or not it is attached to land as defined in the *Local Government Act 2009*.

4. POLICY

4.1 Subsidy Grids

1. Property boundary grids (2.7m x 4m) - the owner/property to contribute \$3,500 toward the cost of the purchase, delivery cost of the grid and abutments and installation by Council.
2. Internal property grids (2m x 4m) - the owner/property to contribute \$3,000 towards the cost of the purchase, delivery cost of the grid and abutments and installation by Council.

The grid size and quality will be as per Council's Policy for Grids based on the Council road classification.

Council will bulk buy property boundary grids and abutments for this program as per the Procurement Policy.

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4.2 Cost of Installation

Council undertakes to install the grids, at Council's cost, on the basis that Council has equipment in the area or available. Reasonable notice will be required, e.g. 4-6 weeks. The grazier/owners will be required to supply and install the wing walls.

If requested by the property owner, Council can install a reinforced concrete base (32 mpa) at the property owner's expense.

Approaches will be constructed with a suitable road base from the area.

4.3 Licensing and Maintenance

All grids will be licensed and recorded in Council's system with the owners agreeing to maintain the grids to the standard. This includes the grid approaches where they are not sealed. Periodic inspections will be undertaken by Council.

4.4 Signage

Council will provide grid and hazard signs that must be erected and maintained by the property owner as per Council specifications.

4.5 Subsidy Quantum

Council will allocate money each year specifically for grids under this policy that will be reviewed at each annual Budget. The grid installation costs will be funded separately under Council's general road maintenance budget. If the subsidy is over subsidised, the applications will be kept on file.

4.6 Applications/Allocation Criteria

Council will advertise for applications each year following the budget allocation, with the following criteria being used to assess priorities –

- The standard of the grid that is being replaced will be rated by Council Officers with the highest need grids receiving the highest priority;
 - Priority 1: based on age and condition
 - Priority 2: removal of
 - Priority 3: new grid
- A maximum of two grids per property (or amalgamation of titles) per financial year will be eligible unless all funds are not allocated;

5. RELATED DOCUMENTS (LOCAL LAWS, POLICIES, DELEGATIONS ETC)

- Flinders Shire Council Local Law No. 3
- Application to Install / Renew a Gate or Grid Across a Road

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6. REVIEW TRIGGER

Policy is to be reviewed every 4 years.

This policy is subject to review earlier than the review date if Council deems it necessary.

7. PRIVACY PROVISION

Council respects and protects people's privacy and collects, stores, uses and discloses personal information responsibly and transparently when delivering Council services and business.

8. APPROVAL

Adopted at the August 2019 Council Meeting - Resolution Number 2597.