



## GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL

### Issuing of Stock Permits

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Issuing of Stock Permits Policy outlines the management of temporary grazing permits within the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area.

#### AIMS OF POLICY

To provide guidelines for the movement and grazing of livestock on Council roads that minimise the risks arising from the grazing of stock on public roads and complies with the legislative requirements under the *Local Land Services Act 2013*, and:

- To ensure consistency and fairness to those applying for the permit through the implementation of a standardised Council procedure;
- To ensure the Council is indemnified against public liability claims associated with or resulting from the grazing of stock on road reserves; and
- To outline the complimentary roles of Council and the Northern Tablelands Local Land Service in granting permits.

#### POLICY STATEMENT

That Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 78 of the *Local Land Services Act 2013*, gives concurrence to the Northern Tablelands Local Land Service to issue Stock Permits on public roads within the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area.

Such concurrence is to be subject to the following conditions:

- i) A stock permit on a public road is not to be issued unless the applicant has a policy of insurance with an approved insurance company in respect of public risk for not less than 20 million dollars, with Council being named on such policy for respective rights and interests. A copy of the insurance is to be provided to Council prior to the issue of the permit.
- ii) Stock permits are not to be issued during the vegetative growing season between 1 November and 28 February. However, a stock permit may be issued during this period if the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area, or part thereof, is declared to be in drought.

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- iii) Applicants are to ensure that no road works are proposed in the area being sought for grazing prior to applying for a permit. Council has the right to revoke the concurrence if a stock permit is issued in an area where Council is undertaking, or is proposing to undertake road works.
- iv) An applicant for a stock permit is responsible for determining if the public road has been sprayed for weeds with chemicals having a withholding period, which may restrict animals being sold. Such information may be obtained from the New England Weeds Authority.
- v) Stock permits issued for sections of road as identified as high conservation value in accordance with the Glen Innes Severn Roadside Management Plan are to be conditional that these areas are not to be fenced.

### APPLICABILITY

This policy only applies to roads under the control and care of Glen Innes Severn Council. The **Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)** is the concurrence authority for the issuing of Stock Grazing Permits on Regional Roads and Highways in the Local Government Area.

The RMS controlled Regional Roads will only allocate Grazing Permits if there is a drought declaration for the region and the following additional conditions for applications for grazing on these regional roads apply:

- *“Stock Ahead” signs – whatever sign is deemed appropriate by the LLS is to be displayed on both sides of the road formation on both approaches to the occupied area; monitoring of signs during the day is required to ensure that they give a timely warning and clear display to approaching traffic;*
- *Stock are to be under constant surveillance at all times;*
- *Stock are to be kept off the road formation at all times;*
- *A hot wire is to be run for the extent of occupation to minimise the effect of cattle on road traffic movements. The hot wire is to be located behind the existing guide post alignment;*
- *At night, cattle are to be removed from the road reserve and securely fenced to prevent any cattle from straying onto the road;*
- *In the event of wet weather, all stock is to be removed from the road reserve;*
- *The holder of the permit is to indemnify the RMS from all claims arising as a result of the presence in the road reserve of the stock subject to the permit – this means that both the RMS and Glen Innes Severn Council must be shown as Interested Parties on the Public Liability Certificate of Currency;*
- *The approval of the relevant Council is obtained;*
- *At the end of the grazing period, all fencing materials including posts, wires and electric tapes are to be removed from the road reserve. Failure to do this will mean that Council*

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*will carry out these works at cost to the adjoining property owner and/or the person who made application for grazing rights;*

- Stay on designated Regional Roads unless specified by Council.

**VARIATION AND REVIEW**

This Policy will be reviewed as required or within five (5) years from the date of its adoption.

**IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION**

The Director of Development, Planning and Regulatory Services will communicate this policy to the General Manager of the Northern Tablelands Local Land Service and to Council's Customer Service Staff.

  
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 General Manager

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