



## GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL

### Public Gates – Installation, Maintenance and Removal Policy

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#### INTRODUCTION

This Policy sets out Council's position in respect to the installation, maintenance and removal of gates and grids on public roads.

#### AIMS OF POLICY

- To reduce the risk presented by public gates to road users, Council and landowners and to provide a managed level of public safety for users of the road network, minimising the number of impediments to the free flow of traffic.
- To support procedures for the issuing of permits, inspection, evaluation, maintenance, and removal of public gates.

#### POLICY STATEMENT

1. Council aims to provide a managed approach to the provision of Public Gates and Bypasses. This shall be achieved by developing and maintaining a systematic approach to the approval, inspection, assessment, maintenance, repair and removal of Public Gates within the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area.
2. This policy, together with the procedures, provides the guidelines for managing public gates on roads for which Council is the roads authority.
3. Council may grant public gate permits to occupiers of land adjoining unfenced public roads only when all of the following conditions are satisfied:
  - a. Where no viable alternative, such as fencing, exists;
  - b. The public gate is to be located where the public road intersects a boundary fence, or as near as possible to allow for safe siting of the public gate (public gates are to be installed on straight sections of road, not on crests or curves);
  - c. A bypass (stock grid) is to be erected on the road alignment, and an alternate swinging gate installed adjacent within the road reserve, all conforming with legislative requirements and Council specifications;
  - d. After considering any submissions following public notification of the proposal.
4. The minimum trafficable width of stock grids shall be six (6) metres for roads having a classification of Minor Collector (average daily traffic ranging from 50 to 100 vehicles per

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day) in Council's functional road hierarchy, and four (4) metres on roads of lower classification. No public gates will be permitted on roads having a classification of Major Collector or above. Any unusual circumstances are to be determined by Council.

5. The maintenance of public gates (including bypasses), and the maintenance of the full trafficable width of road approaches up to 20 metres from the public gate, shall be the full responsibility of the permit holder. Where a grid reaches such a state of disrepair as to warrant its replacement, the permit holder shall arrange for its upgrade, removal or replacement at their own cost.
6. In situations where the permit holder does not maintain public gates to an acceptable standard, Council may direct the owner to take appropriate action which may include:
  - a. Removal of the structure (revocation of the public gate permit);
  - b. Fencing of the road reserve;
  - c. Upgrading the structure to comply with regulations and standards;
  - d. Replacing the structure to comply with regulations and standards.
7. Council will, within its budgetary constraints, endeavour to provide a level of funding each year to meet the management requirements documented in the procedures.

## RELATED POLICIES, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

Any public gates and bypasses shall be in accordance with:

- Council's minimum specification applying at the time; and
- Part 9 Division 2 (Sections 128 to 137) of the *Roads Act 1993*; and
- Part 6 (Sections 73 to 76) of the *Roads Regulation 2008*; and
- Relevant Australian Standards.

## IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

The reviewed Public Gates – Installation, Maintenance and Removal Policy will be implemented and communicated to staff by way of:

- New employees' during their induction when they commence with Council; and
- Existing employees' at staff meetings and toolbox talks.

## VARIATION AND REVIEW

The Public Gates – Installation, Maintenance and Removal Policy shall be reviewed every three (3) years, or earlier if deemed necessary, to ensure that it meets the requirements of legislation and the needs of Council.

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General Manager

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