

16 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

16.1 Endorse for public exhibition: Draft Cattle Grid Approvals Policy

CSP Objective: Outcome 3.4: Our infrastructure is well planned, well managed, safe and inclusive.

CSP Strategy: 3.4.1 Advocate for better planned transport infrastructure to create safe travel routes whether we are walking, cycling, driving or using public transport to key destinations and facilities.

Delivery Program: 3.4.1.1 Work to improve Council's ability to meet increase in demand for public infrastructure and assets.

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Summary

This Policy applies to all matters relating to the approval, inspection, maintenance and repair of all cattle grids installed in public roads under Council's care and control.

Financial implication

All costs associated with the requirements of this policy, including the construction and maintenance requirements shall be borne by the owner / applicant.

Risk implication

Council as the road authority is responsible for all structures within public roads. This policy will formalise the management of existing and new cattle grids in order to reduce the exposure of the landowner and Council to potential claims.

Policy

Council has not previously had an endorsed Cattle Grids Approvals Policy.

Consultation (internal)

Director Infrastructure and Operations

Manager Engineering and Technical

Manager Property and Recreation

Communication/Community engagement

It is proposed that the draft Cattle Grids Approvals Policy will be publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days, seeking community feedback.

Attachments

Nil

Enclosures

1 Draft - Cattle Grid Approvals Policy - November 2025⇒

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Cattle Grids Approvals Policy be placed on public exhibition starting mid-January 2026 for 28 days calling for submissions.
2. Following conclusion of the exhibition period in relation to the draft Cattle Grids Approvals Policy:
 - (a) Receive a further report for consideration, if any relevant submissions are received or if any substantial changes are proposed for any other reason, detailing the public exhibition outcomes and proposed changes with recommendations regarding adoption of the above documents, or
 - (b) Adopt the Cattle Grids Approvals Policy if there are no relevant submissions received and there are no substantial changes proposed for any other reasons.

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Background

Council is legislated as an authority to issue permission for the installation of cattle grids under the *Roads Act 1993* and the *Roads Regulation 2008*.

This policy aims to provide clear guidance to landowners in the approval, inspection, maintenance and repair of all cattle grids in public roads. The objectives of this Policy are to:

- Document the standards for the approval and licensing;
- Establish minimum construction standards;
- Define maintenance responsibilities;
- Define registration and recording procedures;
- Provide a legal framework through which the policy can be enforced; and
- Ensure that the location of structures do not materially affect any persons or parties wishing to use the public road network.

There is currently no formally adopted policy for the establishment or management of cattle grids on public roads.