



<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	Policy
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>CATTLE GRIDS</b>
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## PURPOSE

This policy provides guidelines for the standards and responsibility for the installation and maintenance of cattle grids located on public roads.

## DEFINITIONS

**Cattle Grids** means a structure placed within the road comprising steel grids finished flush with the road pavement, and having the grid bearers spaced so as to impair the crossing of stock past that point.

**Interested Parties** refers to those persons gaining direct benefit from the provision of the cattle grid, and listed on the maintenance agreement as an interested party.

## POLICY STATEMENTS

1. Cattle Grids exist on the Shire's road network and present a safety risk to road users if not properly constructed or maintained.
2. Cattle Grids, may be installed on rural public roads at cost to landowners as an alternative to erecting fencing to that land adjoining the road boundary.
3. As a road authority, the Shire may grant permission for construction of Cattle Grids on its public roads. The proposed location of the Cattle Grid will be subject to approval by the Shire, taking into considerations the current traffic movements and future traffic requirements of the road. (The Shire does not have jurisdiction to approve Cattle Grids on main roads for which it is not responsible. These requests should be forwarded to the appropriate authority). The cost of construction of Cattle Grids on Shire roads shall be borne by the applicant.
4. Where a Cattle Grid is located on the boundary between pastoral properties, each of the interested parties will be responsible for 50% of the cost of construction and maintenance of the grid the road approaches 6 metres either side of the grid.
5. Prior to construction or maintenance of any infrastructure on a road of which the Shire is the road authority, an application must be lodged with the Shire in the approved format for approval. A fee will be charged to the applicant for the assessment of the application and inspections of the construction or maintenance activity in accordance with the current the Shire's Schedule of Fees and Charges.
6. Cattle Grids shall be constructed in accordance with Main Roads WA standards, Council's supplementary technical information is detailed in the table below and must be capable of withstanding the mass limit applicable to the effected road.

Minimum Width	Single lane roads	4.5m
	All other roads	9.0m

Minimum Length	All Roads	2.0m
Engineering standard	Main Roads WA	
Advisory Signs	Size - 750mm x 750mm	Located 75m – 100m from Grid
Drainage	The floor of the grid channel is to be 100mm above the adjoining ground level	
Approach Ramp Gradient	Maximum gradient to be 1:40	
Aprons	2.5m x 225mm thick reinforced N40 concrete	
Grid Panel connection	The grid panels are to be constructed as lift out sections weighing less than 1.5 tonne each, bolted to the grid channel	

7. A number of companies manufacture prefabricated grid units. The Shire will consider alternatives upon submission.
8. Cattle Grids on Shire roads shall be maintained by the Shire to Shire standards.
9. The cost of maintenance for all Cattle Grids on Shire roads shall be shared equally between the Shire and Pastoral Lessees. The Shire shall invoice Pastoral Lessees for their share of the costs associated with Cattle Grids maintenance.
10. It is a condition of approval that, if a Cattle Grid or the fences attached to the Cattle Grid are not maintained to a cattle proof condition to the satisfaction of the Shire, the Shire may at its entire discretion take ownership of the Cattle Grid and that part of the fences on the road formation, or within the road reserve, and remove both the fences and the Cattle Grid
11. If in the Shire Administration's opinion, the construction of the cattle grid has resulted in damage to any of the Shire's assets such as the roadway surface or pavement, kerb, footpath, verges, signage, vegetation or the like, the Shire Administration may order the applicant to effect repairs. If the interested parties fail to repair the damage within the time stipulated by the notice, the Shire may do so and all costs, including administrative on costs will be payable by the applicant.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Fees and Charges for cattle grids shall be in accordance with the adopted Schedule of Fees and Charges for the current financial year.

## APPLICATION/S

This policy applies to the construction of cattle grids on all Shire road reserves.

## RISK

- Risk:** Failure to comply with legislative requirements leading to damage of reputation and/or financial loss.
- Control:** Review policies and procedures in accordance with review schedule.
- Risk:** Inability to deliver levels of service expected by the community.
- Control:** Current budget and service levels.  
Develop agreed standards of service and communicate with the community.

**Risk:** Lack of maintenance and renewal of infrastructure resulting in inadequate level of service.

**Control:** Education of Council and organisation in asset management principles.  
Funding submissions.

## DOCUMENT AND VERSION CONTROL

<b>Responsible Directorate</b>	Infrastructure		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Director Infrastructure		
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<b>Related Documents</b>			
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