SHIRE OF NANNUP – Council Policy

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Policy Name:	Stock Grids
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POLICY STATEMENT

OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

Objective

To establish clear guidelines to ensure uniform standards are applied to the construction, installation**,** maintenance**,** replacement**,** and removal of stock grids on public roads under the authority of the Shire of Nannup.

Purpose

To establish the framework for the assessment and approval of construction, installation**,** maintenance**,** replacement**,** and removal of stock grids on public roads under the authority of the Shire of Nannup.

DEFINITIONS

Stock Grids

A stock grid installed within the road reserve consists of longitudinal or transverse steel bars set flush with the road surface. It is designed to restrict the movement of livestock—particularly cattle—by deterring them from crossing into adjacent land parcels, while still allowing motor vehicles to pass over safely.

Shire

The Shire of Nannup

Public Road

A road under the authority of the Shire of Nannup.

Landowner

A person, company, or other legal entity that owns legal title to a parcel of land within the Shire of Nannup.

Council

The Council of the Shire of Nannup

CEO

The Chief Executive Officer of The Shire of Nannup.

MRWA

Main Roads Western Australia.

SCOPE

This Policy applies to all landowners and relevant stakeholders involved in the construction, installation, and maintenance of stock grids within the Shire, where stock must be contained between parcels of land.

IMPLICATIONS

Shire of Nannup the Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 – Our Built Environment – 3.2 Planning and Building – *Providing a quality outcome for community benefit through appropriate consultation.*

IMPLEMENTATION

This policy provides guidance in authorising approval of Stock Grids under the authority of the Shire.

Prior to the installation of any stock grids on public roads, a formal application must be submitted to the Shire for approval. When considering applications, the Shire shall ensure that the Stock Grids comply with the following construction standards.

Construction Standards

The proposed stock grid must have a minimum trafficable width of 7 metres and a minimum length of 2 metres. Alternative dimensions may be submitted to the Shire for consideration and prior written approval.

All new Stock Grids shall be constructed in accordance with MRWA Drawings 1430-0610, 1430-0611, 1430-0612 and 9630-1541.

Stock grids shall be maintained in accordance with MRWA drawings 9630-1539 to 1541.

The stock grid shall be designed and constructed to accommodate the maximum mass limit of the heaviest vehicle permitted to operate on the road.

Advance warning signs, width markers, and advisory signage shall be installed at each stock grid in accordance with the standards and specifications of MRWA.

To prevent the accumulation of debris within the stock grid, the road shall be sealed for a distance of at least 6 metres on either side of the grid.

AUTHORITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

The CEO, Executive Manager Corporate Services and the Executive Manager Infrastructure are delegated authority to grant approval for the installation of a new stock grid where all the following conditions are met:

1. An existing stock grid is already in place; and
2. The public road bisects either:
    - A single parcel of land, or
    - Multiple parcels of land under common ownership by a single landowner; and
3. All adjacent landowners have provided written agreement to the proposed stock grid installation.

The CEO may refuse, grant or grant subject to conditions, an application for the installation of a replacement stock grid.

Where the CEO refuses an application for the installation of a stock grid, the CEO shall notify the landowner in writing that a stock-proof fence is to be installed along both sides of the public road, at the landowner's expense.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Council Responsibilities

To approve Council policy.

CEO Responsibilities

Policy development, review and delegated approval.

Executive Manager of Works and Services Responsibilities

Ensure that the Stock grids are constructed, installed and maintained to the standards outlined in this policy.

Landowner Responsibilities

The cost of installation of Stock Grids shall be borne by the Landowner.

The cost of maintaining the Stock Grid shall be borne by the Landowner.

If the Shire deems that damage has been caused to any Shire asset during installation, the Landowner shall be required to repair the damage.

The landowner shall, if not already done, install a functioning stock-proof fence on both sides of the stock grid location.

The landowner shall indemnify and hold harmless the Shire against any loss, damage, claims, or liabilities arising from the installation, maintenance, or operation of the stock grid(s) on the public road, except to the extent that such loss or damage arises from the failure of the Shire to fulfill its statutory duties in relation to the stock grid(s).

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

All disputes regarding this policy shall be referred to the CEO in the first instance. If agreement cannot be reached, the matter shall be submitted to the Council for a ruling.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

Policy to be review every three (3) years.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996

MRWA Dwg – 1430-0610 to 614

MRWA Dwg – 9630-1539 to 1541

MRWA Specification 601 – Signs

REFERENCES

Under 55(2) of the Land Administration Act 1997 - *subject to the Main Roads Act 1930 and the Public Works Act 1902, the local government within the district of which a road is situated has the care, control and management of the road.*

Under regulation 9 of the *Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996*, the Shire may authorise a person who applies to the Shire for permission to have across a public thoroughfare under the control or management of the Shire, a gate or other device (such as a stock grid) that enables motor vehicles to pass across the public thoroughfare and prevents livestock from straying

RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Executive Manager of Works and Services

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