

IP-060 GRID AND GATE POLICY

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Commencement and Review:	This policy has been reviewed and commences from 10/10/2023. It will be reviewed on an as needs basis.
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1 STATEMENT OF INTENT

The intent of the Paroo Shire Council (Council) Grid and Gates Policy is to provide guidelines for implementing the consistent management of the construction and maintenance of grids, gates and fences on Council controlled (Shire) roads and road reserves throughout the Paroo Shire Council area.

2 COMMENCEMENT AND REVIEW OF POLICY

This Policy will commence from 10/10/23. It replaces all other Council Grid and Gate Policies (whether written or not).

This Policy will be reviewed on an as needs basis if deemed necessary through changes to legislation or business practice. Minor amendments that do not impact upon the intent of the Policy may be made in consultation with and approved by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

3 APPLICATION OF POLICY

This policy applies to all property owners/managers with grids, gates and fences on Shire roads and road reserves throughout the Paroo Shire.

Local government public roads as listed on Paroo Shire Council's Register of Public Roads.

The term 'public road' (in the context of council's Register of Public Roads) applies to municipal roads that are reasonably required for general public use.

To view the full register of public roads visit: [Register of Public Roads](#).

Council currently maintains a road network of approximately 380km of sealed roads and 1210km of unsealed (gravel) roads.

4 DEFINITIONS

State-Controlled Road	Means a road as defined by the <i>Transport Infrastructure Act 1994</i>
Council Controlled (Shire) Road	A public place provided for the use of the public for traffic movement, and which has been declared or proclaimed, notified, gazetted or dedicated as a road
Road Reserve	A legally described area within which facilities such as roads, footpaths and associated features may be constructed for public travel. Includes all of the land between property boundaries on both sides of the road.



Road	A route trafficable by motor vehicles; in law; the public right-of-way between boundaries of adjoining properties.
Tier 1 Local Road	A Council controlled (Shire) road primarily used as an arterial or collector road as identified in the Register of Public Roads and shown on Map 1.
Tier 2 Local Road	A Council controlled (Shire) road primarily used to service a small number of properties used as identified in the Register of Public Roads and shown on Map 1.
Negligence	Failure to exercise reasonable care.
Unformed Road	A road or pathway which has no formed construction. Commonly these are tracks on an irregular alignment with no drainage.
Private Access Road	A road used for access to a single private landholding which is not required to be declared or proclaimed, notified, gazetted or dedicated and the Shire does not maintain. Public liability on these roads rests with the landholder
Fence Crossing	The location where the fence line adjoins a grid.

5 COUNCIL GRID AND GATE POLICY

5.1 General

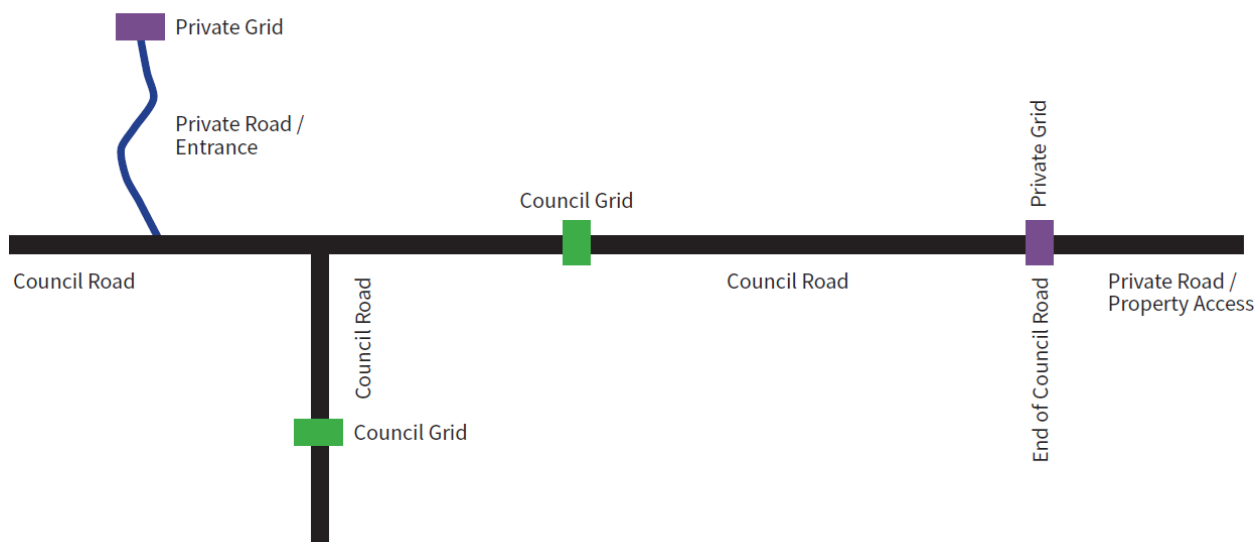
- a) for new grids on State Controlled roads: all grids will be installed and maintained as required by the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Applications should be sent to the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Council will not accept any responsibility for installation or maintenance;
- b) for new grids on Tier 1 local roads: Council will, supply and install appropriately designed and constructed grids at the landowner's cost and maintain and at their discretion replace these, recognising the broad general community benefits that arise from the grids when installed on high trafficked roads;
- c) for existing grids on Tier 1 local roads: Council will maintain and at their discretion replace existing grids at Council's cost, recognising the broad general community benefits that arise from the grids when installed on high trafficked roads;
- d) for new grids on Tier 2 roads: Council will, at their discretion and in consultation, either.

Option 1: Supply and install appropriately designed and constructed grids at the landowner's cost and maintain and at their discretion replace these, recognising the broad general community benefits that arise from the grids when installed on low trafficked roads;

Option 2: Permit the landowner to supply and install appropriately designed and constructed grids at the landowner's cost to Council requirements and approval and Council will maintain and at their discretion replace these, recognising the broad general community benefits that arise from the grids when installed on low trafficked roads;
- e) for existing grids on Tier 2 roads: where a grid has been appropriately designed and constructed and installed either by Council or the landowner, Council will maintain and at their discretion replace these, in recognition of the shared benefits for the landowner and community on low trafficked roads;
- f) where existing grids on Tier 2 roads are not appropriately designed, constructed and maintained by the landowner, having regard to the traffic and road infrastructure requirements, the land owner may be required to remove the existing grid or install a new grid in recognition of the benefits for the landowner and community on low trafficked roads;
- g) for new grids on Private Access roads: the relevant landowner will be responsible for installation and maintenance of appropriately designed and constructed grids in recognition of the benefits for the landowner;
- h) for existing grids on Private Access roads: the relevant landowner will continue to be responsible for installation and maintenance of grids in recognition of the benefits for the landowner;
- i) for the purposed of this policy, the installation of grids includes the installation of appropriate signage, in accordance with the Manual of Uniformed Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD); and
- j) all requests for grid installations on the local road network must be approved by Council, by resolution.



- k) all disputes are to be referred to Council for review and resolution.



5.2 Grid Specifications

- All new grids shall be fully precast units from a supplier approved by Council.
- The minimum width of new grids for gravel roads shall be 4.0 metres (single lane).
- The width of new grids for bitumen roads shall be aligned to the formed width of the road.
- The minimum length of new grids shall be 2.1 metres.
- All signage shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (or its replacement manual as applicable).

5.3 Stock and Plant Access Gates

A 6-metre-wide gate for stock and vehicle movements will be constructed not further than 30 metres and not less than 10 metres from the road centre line by the property owner and at the property owner's expense.

5.4 Fence Crossings

- Where the fence line adjoining a grid is maintained in a stock proof condition the property owner is required to construct fence crossings in accordance with a Transport and Main Roads standard design provided by Council.
- All fence crossings, including exclusion fences, must be constructed adjacent to the road pavement and/or seal with the correct number of end assemblies, approved support posts, run throughs and safety signage as is appropriate for the crossing fence. The standard drawings for fence crossings, detailing the minimum standard, are available through Council.
- At no stage is access to Shire roads, road reserves, stock routes, or other Council infrastructure to be obstructed.
- Crossings of State Controlled roads must be approved by Transport and Main Roads.

5.5 Removal of Unfenced Grids

Where the fence line adjoining a grid is not maintained in a stock proof condition, the property owner will be advised and if the fence is not reinstated to Council specifications within 6 months of the date of the notification, Council will remove the grid.



5.6 Gates


The use of gates on Tier 1 Council controlled roads will not be approved, except in exceptional circumstances subject to Council approval via Council resolution. Tier 2 roads will be subject to Council approval and in general, gates will only be permitted at the ends or side fence on Tier 2 Council roads i.e., at the start of private entrance roads.

6 BREACH OF POLICY

A breach of this policy may result in removal of non-compliant infrastructure from Shire roads. Infringement notices and or fines may be applicable in accordance with Council Local Laws. Non-compliance and/or willful damage to Council Infrastructure will be reported to Police and/or other Authorities as applicable.

7 RELEVANT LINKS

- *Transport Infrastructure Act 2017*
- MUTCD
- Paroo Shire Council Service and Asset Management Plan 2017
- SWD-005 SW District Rural Stock Run Through Fencing General Layout_Rev_B RPEQ Certified.
- TMR – SD1601 Fencing Rural Fence and Gates CHS Posts and Stays

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VERSION CONTROL

Date	Version	Meeting Resolution	Amendments / Comments
20/06/2017	Version 2.0	M17/139	Reviewed
21/07/2019	Version 3.0	M19/184	Reviewed & Map updated
27/08/2019	Version 3.1		Minor amendments as required at Council workshop.
20/07/2023	Version 4.0		Minor amendments as requested at July Council workshop.
15/08/2023	Version 4.1	M23/126	Amendment to Tier 2 roads to remove Yarralla Rd and replace with Munda Munda Road.
10/10/2023	Version 4.2		Detailed specific relevant links to TMR standards, Included reference to register of public roads, Updated Map.
10/10/2023	Version 4.3	M23/161	Amendment to Section 5.6



The map displays the Berrigan Shire Council area, bounded by a red line. Major roads are shown in blue, including the Murrumbidgee Highway (A71) running north-south and the Berrigan Highway (A71) running east-west. Other roads shown in blue include the Murrumbidgee River, the Berrigan River, and the Murrumbidgee River. Roads shown in green include the Murrumbidgee River, the Berrigan River, and the Murrumbidgee River. The map includes a scale bar (0 to 100 Kilometers) and a north arrow. The map is titled 'Berrigan Shire Council' and 'Berrigan Shire Council Area'.

Legend

- Tier 1
- Tier 2
- State Controlled Roads
- Paroo Shire Council Boundary



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