


**POLICY  
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**STOCK GRID POLICY**

- 1) It is Council's preference that the use of cattle ramps throughout the shire be minimised.
- 2) The following will apply for existing cattle ramps:
  - (a) That no new additional installations of stock grids be approved. Special consideration may be given to properties divided if application is forwarded to Council no longer than twelve (12) months after the portion is sold.
  - (b) That construction specifications must be submitted with an application to upgrade an existing ramp. See attached specification.
- 3) That the following standards apply:
  - (a) That double ramps be installed on all arterial, sub-arterial and collector roads.
  - (b) That ramps installed on all arterial, sub-arterial, collector roads and gravel roads be sealed 20m either side of the ramp. The cost of sealing is to be borne by the applicant with future minor maintenance of the sealed section to be carried out by Council.
  - (c) That all maintenance of the ramp is the responsibility of the landholder. The landholder must agree in writing prior to upgrading of the ramp, to pay Council for all maintenance work carried out on the ramp, provided they are unable to be contacted within a seven (7) day period, or that the repair work is not completed within seven (7) days of initial notification of a defect. Please see specification on the following page as there are different time frames.
  - (d) Grids are to be installed to replace all existing gates on public roads.
- 4) That all existing ramp owners be advised of the new policy and be requested to comply with the new standards within twelve (12) months.
- 5) Installation of gates is not permitted on public roads.
- 6) Ramps to be constructed to meet RTA Standard loading. (HS20 - 44)

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# GUIDELINES FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF STOCK GRIDS BY LANDHOLDERS

Broken Rails                      1 Rail                      To be replaced within 48 hours  
    More than 1 Rail              To be repaired immediately

Loose Rails                      To be repaired within seven (7) Days

Signposts                      Wording to be as follows:              “ROAD NARROWS”.  
    This applies to all grids 4 metres and under in width.

All ramps must display a “GRID” sign on both approaches fixed to 50mm diameter posts 2 metres above the road level. No nearer the 150 metres on gravel roads and 110 metres on bitumen roads.

All signs must have a reflective surface, with yellow background and black trim and lettering.

These must be repaired within fifteen (15) days of notification.

Delineation                      Minimum delineation requirements include that ramp wings, side rails and posts must be painted in a highly visible colour such as white, to enable night time identification.

Wings or posts must have reflectors displayed in the following manner:

- Red reflectors on the left hand side of the ramp wing and clear reflectors on the right hand side of the ramp wing.
- Reflectors are to be at a minimum size of 80mm in diameter.
- Wings must be repaired within ten (10) working days. Reflectors must be replaced within seven (7) working days.


Construction                      The straining posts affixed to the ramp wings shall be no closed than

8 metre ramp:                      7 metres to the centre of the road  
 4 metre ramp:                      3 metres to the centre of the road

Wings to be constructed from 50 x 50mm tube steel 900mm high 1700mm long with steel covering painted with a high visible colour.

The ramp structure should have no more than 20mm movement when affixed to the base.

Movement exceeding 20mm will be addressed on each individual basis.

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