



Grids, Gates and Ramps Policy

Application	Various Property Owners
Responsible Officer	Director Infrastructure Services
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Purpose

Council provides public roads for the community under the Roads Act 1993. The Act confers a “right of passage” by member of the public to pass along a public road, subject to such restrictions as are imposed by law.

There are over 150 grids throughout the Carrathool Shire, the purpose and importance of a grid is well known and need elaborated upon.

For reasons of public safety, road maintenance and risk management, Council's preference is for gates and grids not to be installed on public roads and where they are installed to be removed from public roads as soon as the works program permits after they no longer required.

This Grids, Gates and Ramps Policy aims to:

- Document a transparent system for the approval.
- Identify standards for the construction.
- Define maintenance responsibilities for Council.
- Define registration and recording procedures.
- Provide a framework through which the Policy can be enforced.
- Ensure that the location of Gates & Grids provides a safe road for users.

Definitions

Council:	Authorised Council Officer from Carrathool Shire Council
Gate:	A Public Gate as defined under the Roads Act 1993
Grid:	A structure purpose built to stop livestock.
Policy:	Grids, Gates and Ramps Policy

Reference

This policy complements other legislation and where it is silent on matters referred to in the following legislation such as matters must be followed in accordance with the legislation.

- Local Government Act (NSW) 1993
- Roads Act 1993

That owner or occupier of land adjoining a road must not, without the prior permission of Council, erect a grid or gate on a road (s.133(1)).

It is critical for the safety of all road users and for the efficient operation of a grid that a grid be designed, constructed, erected and maintained to specification approved by Council (s.133(3)(b)).

Policy statements

1. Council will remove the grid and gate and reinstate the road at Council's expense once the structures are no longer required.

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2. That council will not give approval of the installation of any additional grids to the Local or Regional road network. An existing grid is a grid that is in place prior to 1 July 2010.
3. That council will retain possession of any grid removed; these grids may be reused in other locations or disposed of as per Councils Policy on the Disposal of Assets.
4. That where maintenance of a grid is deemed necessary that Council will bear this cost and that the prescribed maintenance will be programmed by Council.
5. That where any grid requires to be replaced, Council will replace the said grid with a grid of the required specifications as determined by the hierarchy of the road the grid is situated on.
6. That action to recover cost is taken against travelling machinery operators responsible for damaging grids/ramps.
7. That ramps 20m either side of the grid be maintained in accordance with Councils maintenance programme.

Revision Table

Date/Minute Number	Amendment - Reason or Reference
0557 / 19.05.1987	
2048 / 21.11.2000	
0803 / 19.10.2010	
0658 / 15.04.2014	Reaffirmed
0741 / 16.10.2018	Included 'Gate' within title and amended policy content.

Associated Documents

Nil

Review

This Policy may be amended from time to time and will be reviewed within four years of its adoption (or latest amendment) with reference to any relevant legislation and best practice guides.