



COUNCIL PROPERTIES – BOUNDARY FENCING POLICY

1. SCOPE

1.1 This Policy applies to all applications received by Council for Council assistance with the erection, repair or replacement of boundary fencing between all Council properties and private land including public reserves but excluding riparian and road reserves.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 This Policy sets out the conditions under which Council will make a financial contribution toward the erection, repair or replacement of boundary fencing between Council properties and private land and ensures that all applications for such assistance are dealt with in a fair and consistent manner and at a known cost to Council.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 Council will contribute financially to the cost of erection, repair or replacement of boundary fencing between Council properties, other than riparian road reserves, subject to the following conditions:

3.1.1 where private land requires such fencing to protect the privacy and security of the private land; and/or

3.1.2 to define the property’s limits to prevent encroachment onto Council property.

3.2 The contribution will be 50% of the cost of materials plus 50% of the cost or value of the labour component of a “standard” fence.

3.3 The contribution will only be payable where Council’s written agreement is obtained before construction or repair works begin.

3.4 The following conditions form part of this Policy:

3.4.1 Applications:

Applications for a Council contribution must be made in writing and detail fully the type of fence proposed and be accompanied by quotations for the materials and labour costs involved. Where a landowner proposes to supply labour, the estimated value of this labour must be included.

3.4.2 “Standard” Fence:

3.4.2.1 Where a Council property adjoins residential property, a “standard” fence will be of solid face construction, consistent with other fences in the immediate area, utilise sturdy durable materials and be erected in a tradesman-like manner.

3.4.2.2 Where a Council property adjoins commercial or industrial property, a “standard” fence will be of wire mesh, chain link or solid face construction, utilise sturdy durable materials and be erected in a tradesman-like manner; and

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- 3.4.2.3 Where a Council property adjoins rural or undeveloped land, a “standard” fence will be of five-wire and timber post construction, utilise sturdy durable materials and be erected in a tradesman-like manner.
- 3.4.3 Where a landowner proposes a fence which, in Council’s opinion, exceeds a “standard” fence, the contribution payable will be limited to no more than would have been payable by Council for a “standard” fence.
- 3.4.4 A contribution will not be payable in respect of retaining walls or any structure intended by a landowner to extend the usefulness or enjoyment of private land.
- 3.4.5 Project Responsibility:
  - 3.4.5.1 Council reserves the right to assume responsibility for erection of any fence which is the subject of an application for a contribution under this Policy. Where it does so, written agreement from the adjoining landowner will be required before construction can commence; and
  - 3.4.5.2 Where it is agreed, an adjoining landowner will assume responsibility for erection of a fence, Council’s contribution will be payable on completion of construction of the fence to the satisfaction of Council’s Director Infrastructure and Development Services.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

*Local Government Act 1993*

*Boundary Fences Act 1908*

**RELATED PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES**

Nil

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