

RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL POLICY REGISTER

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POLICY:	PUBLIC GATES AND BYPASSES (CATTLE GRIDS)
FUNCTION:	Rural Roads
OBJECTIVE:	To support procedure for the issuing of Permits, Inspection, Evaluation and Maintenance of Public Gates and Bypasses
DIRECTORATE:	WORKS

POLICY:

1. BACKGROUND

- i. A Bypass is commonly known as a cattle grid or stock crossing. The term Bypass is used in the Roads Act and Roads General Regulation.
- ii. Bypasses and Public Gates exist on Council's road network and present a risk to road users, Council and property owners.
- iii. Whilst Council has the control, care and management responsibility of its public roads, ownership and maintenance responsibility for Public Gates and Bypasses rests with the landowner, as defined in the Roads Act 1993.
- iv. The procedures developed for this purpose are derived from industry best practice and the provisions of the Roads Act 1993 and Roads General Regulation 2000 which enable a Roads Authority to grant permits for installation of Public Gates and Bypasses.
- v. This policy applies to all roads maintained by Council within its local government area. (Refer to Council's Road Register).
- vi. It is important that proposed Public Gates and Bypasses are approved and constructed to a defined standard, and that existing structures are reviewed for compliance with the Roads Act and this Policy.

2. OBJECTIVES

- i. To reduce the risk presented by Public Gates and Bypasses to road users, Council and landowners.
- ii. To support procedures for the issuing of permits, inspection, evaluation and maintenance of Public Gates and Bypasses.

3. PRINCIPLES

- i. To provide a managed level of public safety for users of the road network.
- ii. To minimise the number of impediments to the free flow of traffic.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

- i. Council aims to provide a managed approach to the provision of Public Gates and Bypasses.
- ii. The policy, together with the procedures, provides the guidelines for managing Public Gates and Bypasses.
- iii. Council will within its budgetary constraints, endeavour to provide a level of funding each year to meet the management requirements documented in the procedures.

5. RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- i. Procedures for the Approval, Inspection and Maintenance of Public Gates and Bypasses (Cattle Grids).
- ii. Council's Road Register.

6. REVIEW DATE

This policy will be reviewed in line with Council practice.

Council reserves the right to revoke/amend this policy at any time.