

POLICY

Roads and Streets

ROAD RESERVES FENCING AND GRAZING

1 Introduction

This policy sets out the Council's requirements for fencing the road reserve at rural property boundaries and for fencing the road reserve for stock grazing by the adjoining property owner/occupier in the Waimakariri District.

2 Policy Context

The practice of fencing and grazing stock within the road reserve is permitted but if this is not managed correctly it can cause issues with stock escaping, problems for pedestrians, vehicles and road maintenance.

3 Policy Objective

The objectives of this policy are:

- to ensure all new boundary fences adjacent to Council road reserves are located on the legal boundary; and
- to allow for and control the grazing of the road reserve in rural areas where practical.

4 Policy Statement

4.1 Fencing

4.1.1 New boundary fences adjacent to Council road reserves shall be located on the surveyed property boundary.

4.1.2 Replacement boundary fences on Council road reserves are to be located onto either the surveyed property boundary, or onto a line agreed by the Utilities and Roading Committee if the fence to be replaced is not on the surveyed property boundary and the property owner wishes to retain the fence on that alignment.

4.2 Grazing

4.2.1 The grazing of road reserve frontages is not permitted on the following roads:

- Tram Road
- Oxford Road
- Rangiora-Woodend Road
- Millton Avenue
- Cones Road (River Road to Carrs Road)
- Fawcetts Road
- Ashley Gorge Road
- Lineside Road
- Depot Road
- Upper Sefton Road
- Dixons Road (Loburn)
- Loburn-Whiterock Road (Dixons Road to Chapel Road)
- Kippenberger Avenue
- River Road (West Belt to Millton Avenue)
- Main North Road
- Williams Street
- Smith Street
- Island Road
- Skewbridge Road

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- Flaxton Road
- South Eyre Road from diversion bridge to Tram Road
- All roads within urban areas
- On the mown verge of sections of road regularly mown by the Council or its contractors.

4.2.2 The grazing of road reserve frontages is permitted along Council controlled roads within the District, except those set out in 4.2.1 above, and is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The period of grazing shall be 14 days or less at any one time.
- (b) Stock owners, or their agents, shall not graze the frontage of a third party's property without the permission of that property owner. It is advisable that the stock owner obtains this permission in writing (this does not apply to driven stock).
- (c) Grazed stock shall be fenced or tethered so that they cannot stray onto the carriageway. The fence should be clearly visible.
- (d) The fence shall consist of temporary electric fencing to be secured by electric fence standards – i.e. fibreglass, plastic or light metal standards. The use of waratahs, posts and other more substantial type fencing is not allowed on roadsides.
- (e) The fence shall be completely clear of the carriageway and road shoulder
- (f) Horses shall be tethered when grazed upon road reserves.

5 Links to legislation, other policies and community outcomes

Local Government Act 1974 s353 General safety provisions as to roads

Community Outcomes:

There is a safe environment for all

- *Harm to people from natural and manmade hazards is minimised*
- *Crime, injury and road accidents are minimised*

6 Adopted by and date

Approved by Utilities and Roading Committee and adopted by Council on 12 November 2013

7 Review

Review every six years or sooner on request.