

## FENCING AND GRIDS POLICY

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### POLICY OBJECTIVE

This Official Council Policy deals with the replacement, maintenance, removal and fencing of grids within the Shire of Wentworth.

### 1. POLICY STATEMENT

The intent of this policy is to ensure clear guidelines for the replacement and/or maintenance of grids, including the removal of grids and the fencing of adjacent property.

### 2. POLICY COVERAGE

This policy applies to grid access gates and associated fencing.

### 3. STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets.

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure.

### 4. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term/Word	Definition
Grid	A framework of spaced bars that are parallel to or cross each other – a grating. May also be known as a “Stock Grid” to prevent stock from passing onto a road.

### 5. POLICY CONTENT

It is the policy of this Council that:-

- 5.1 Council will consider an application for the installation of a replacement grid only when the identified grid has a Road Safety and/or Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) related concerns.
- 5.2 Grid replacement will be at Council’s cost.
- 5.3 Council’s responsibility for grid maintenance will be confined to Road Safety and/or WHS related issues for the maintenance of the grid and attached wings. Maintenance of grid access gates, associated fencing and cleaning out of the grid and temporary traffic management during such maintenance works in accordance with relevant legislation and regulations will be the responsibility of the adjoining land holders.
- 5.4 Council will consider the application for the removal of grids only upon receipt of a signed written agreement from all adjoining land holder/s to supply, erect and adequately fence out all adjacent property boundaries, within 12 months of acceptance by Council.  
  
Removal of identified grids will be carried out upon the completion of all agreed fencing. Grid removal and road reconstruction will be carried out by and at Council’s cost.
- 5.5 Council will provide a financial contribution to boundary fencing only when combined with the removal of a grid from Council’s asset base.

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- 5.6 Council will provide a financial contribution when Council’s grid removal policy has been agreed to in writing and the agreed fencing works has been completed.
- 5.7 The following matters are to be taken into consideration before granting an approval under this policy: -
  - Relative condition and maintenance costs of the grid/s.
  - Consequence of failure of the grid/s
  - Length of fencing and cost to Council to enable removal of the grid/s
  - Traffic volume and type on the road concerned
  - Level of maintenance of the road and difficulty caused by the grid/s
  - Location of the grid/s regarding road alignment.
  - The availability of Council budgeted funds.

**6. RELATED DOCUMENTS & LEGISLATION**

Nil.

**7. ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**8. DOCUMENT APPROVAL**

This document is the latest version of the official policy of the Wentworth Shire Council, as adopted by Council on 29 June 2022. All previous versions of this policy are null and void.

This policy may be amended or revoked by Council at any time.

A PDF copy of the signed document can be accessed from Council’s record management system and Reliansys.

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1 July 2022

**General Manager Wentworth Shire Council**

**Date**