

**POLICY NO:** TS-3

**POLICY NAME:** PUBLIC GATES AND BYPASSES (CATTLE GRID) POLICY

**VALIDITY:** 210205 ITEM(28) (to be updated following Council resolution)

**REVIEWED:** ~~FEBRUARY 2005~~ OCTOBER 2013

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## OBJECTIVE

1. To provide a managed level of public safety for users of the road network.
2. To minimise the number of impediments to the free flow of traffic.
3. To reduce the risk presented by Public Gates and Bypasses to road users, Council and landowners.
4. To support procedures for the issuing of permits, inspection, evaluation and maintenance of Public Gates and Bypasses.

## BACKGROUND

1. 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.
2. Bypasses and Public Gates exist on Council's road network and may present a risk to road users, Council and property owners.
3. 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~~2008.
4. The procedures developed for this purpose are derived from industry best practice and the provisions of the Roads Act 1993 and Roads ~~General~~ Regulation ~~2002-2008~~ which enable a Roads Authority to grant permits for installation of Public Gates and Bypasses.
5. 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, Regulation and this Policy.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all Council controlled roads within the Kyogle local government area. (Refer to Council's Road Register).

## POLICY

1. Council aims to provide a managed approach to the provision of Public Gates and Bypasses.
2. The policy, together with the management plan, provides the guidelines for managing Public Gates and Bypasses.

3. To minimise the risk to Council in the provision and maintenance of Public Gates and Bypasses.

## BUDGETING

1. Council will within its budgetary constraints, endeavour to provide a level of funding each year to meet the management requirements documented in the procedures.
  2. Council will allocate human and financial resources in order to conduct inspections and assessments for the implementation of the policy and procedures within Council's budget constraints.
  3. Partial cost recovery may be achieved with the establishment of a permit fee and annual compliance fee.
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## RELATED DOCUMENTS

Refer to the Kyogle Council Public Gates and Bypasses (Cattle Grids) Management Plan which details related documents and the processes and procedures that need to be followed to ensure the principles of this Policy are adhered to.

## DURATION AND REVIEW

The policy and procedure will be reviewed periodically as required.

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