

# Kyogle Council

## Public Gates and Bypasses Policy

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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

A Bypass is commonly known as a cattle grid or stock crossing. The term Bypass is used in the Roads Act and Roads Regulation.

Bypasses and Public Gates exist on Council's road network and may present a risk to road users, Council and landowners.

Whilst Council has the control, care and management responsibility of its public roads, ownership and maintenance responsibilities for Public Gates and Bypasses rests with the landowner, as defined in the Roads Act 1993.

The procedures developed for this purpose are derived from industry best practice and the provisions of the Roads Act 1993 and Roads Regulation 2018 which enable a Roads Authority to grant permits for installation of Public Gates and Bypasses.

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

Council aims to provide a managed approach to the provision of Public Gates and Bypasses.

This Policy, together with the operational matters covered in the associated Management Plan, provides the guidelines for managing Public Gates and Bypasses.

The implementation of this Policy aims to minimise the risk to Council in the provision and maintenance of Public Gates and Bypasses.

## BUDGETING

Council will endeavour to provide a level of funding each year to meet the management requirements for the implementation of this Policy and Management Plan.

Cost recovery may be achieved with the establishment of a permit fee and annual compliance fee.

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

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

## DURATION AND REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed periodically as required.

