



YOUNG SHIRE COUNCIL

**CONSTRUCTION OF STANDARD
PUBLIC GATES & BY PASSES
POLICY**

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GENERAL

The erection of a public gate and by-pass is subject to the provisions of the Roads Act 1993 and Roads (General) Regulation 2000. (See Appendix A)

This specification sets out Council's standard requirements for public gates and motor vehicle by-passes (grids or ramps) on dedicated roads.

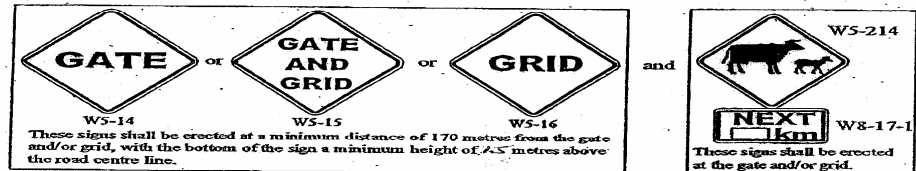
1 COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 The public gate and by-pass shall be constructed at a site approved by Council upon seven days notice given by the Contractor.
- 1.2 A suitable detour shall be provided prior to excavation for the ramp and reinstated to pre-construction condition upon completion.
- 1.3 Temporary warning signs shall be erected by the Contractor in accordance with an approved traffic control plan. The signs may be obtained from the Council (pending availability) on \$200 deposit which is refundable on the return of the signs in a satisfactory condition. Council **MUST** be contacted to check that the signs have been erected correctly.
- 1.4 A sum of \$510 shall be lodged with Council comprising a security deposit of \$400 and an inspection fee of \$110 prior to excavation commencing. The security deposit shall be refunded on satisfactory completion and restoration of the work. The inspection fee is retained by Council to cover the cost of inspections and supervision.
- 1.5 Council to be indemnified against any action which may arise as a result of the grid and by-pass being installed. The applicant must submit a Certificate of Currency for their public liability insurance prior to any works being carried out.

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- 1.6 Excavation, installation and restoration of the approaches shall be carried out by the Contractor to the Council's satisfaction.
- 1.7 Council Officers shall inspect the formwork and reinforcement (must be certified by an engineer) prior to pouring of concrete and shall inspect the works on completion.
- 1.8 Council reserves the right to complete the works at the owner's expense if a satisfactory rate of progress is not maintained.
- 1.9 The public gates shall have a minimum clear opening of 7.32 metres and shall be constructed in accordance with the best practice and from good materials to enable the passage of broadacre farming equipment.
- 1.10 Guardrail and sighting plate shall be painted white and to Council's standards.

- 1.11 The public gate shall be painted white and shall have a retro-reflective sign attached on each side bear the words "PUBLIC GATE" not less than 75mm in height legible characters, together with any number allocated by Council.
- 1.12 The appropriate permanent warning signs to AS1742 Standard as indicated below shall be provided and erected by the Contractor to Council's requirements.



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2 STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 All materials must comply with relevant Australian Standards.
- 2.2 All grids are to be pre-fabricated extra heavy duty manufactured to RTA standards.
- 2.3 Gates are to be pre-fabricated to Australian Standards.

3 GATES AND GRIDS ADMINISTERED BY COUNCILS THROUGH THE ROADS ACT 1993

- 3.1 The objective as far as possible is to eliminate gates and grids on Main Roads. Gates without grids are objectionable, hazardous and inconvenient to road users. Grids are a hazard if narrow, also wandering stock due to unfenced road boundaries.
- 3.2 Where roads are to be sealed every effort to eliminate existing gates and grids must be made. Ideally fencing out road reserves is preferred.
- 3.3 Where roads are foreseen to be sealed and the installation, retention, replacement or relocation of a grid and gate cannot be avoided at that time, the grid is to have a minimum width of 7.4 metres.
- 3.4 With low and relatively static traffic volumes and no intention to seal the road a single width grid of not less than 3.7 metres wide is acceptable.

4 WHERE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO RECONSTRUCT THE EXISTING ROAD THROUGH THE SAME AREA ON A NEW CENTRELINE, COUNCIL WILL:

- 4.1 In the case of existing grids and gates THAT COMPLY with requirements, alter such structures to the new line and levels at Council's cost.
- 4.2 Where an existing grid or gate DOES NOT COMPLY the owner or lessee will supply, at their own cost, an approved grid and gate which Council will install at its cost.
- 4.3 Where there is no grid, only a gate, the owner will apply to install a grid at their own cost.

5 WHERE APPROVALS ARE GIVEN FOR INSTALLATION OF A GRID

In such cases formal agreements are desirable, thus eliminating any future doubts and rights of Council.

6 ALIGNMENTS

- 6.1 All new grids to be positioned on approved alignments.
- 6.2 Existing grids requiring upgrading are to be re-positioned on improved alignments, if necessary and where possible.
- 6.3 Where grids are on boundary fences between two properties the consent of both owners must be obtained for relocation arrangements at the new sites.

7 MAINTENANCE

- 7.1 Owners of grids installed with permission of Council are required to maintain same to Council's requirements.
- 7.2 Where grids are not maintained in a safe condition Council will draw same to the attention of the landowner.
- 7.3 If the owner fails to comply with an order to repair Council may prosecute the owner, remedy repairs and recover costs. Alternatively, after twenty-one (21) days formal notice of failure to effect repairs, continued permission for the grid to exist will be revoked.
- 7.4 If permission is revoked, the landowner is obliged to remove the grid. Failure may result in prosecution and Council removing the grid at the owner's cost.
- 7.5 Where dangerous conditions arise at a grid at short notice and where Council can readily remedy in owner's absence Council will carry out the work and immediately advise the owner to complete the necessary repairs.
- 7.6 Unauthorised grids and gates will be removed by owners. Failure to do so can result in Council taking action and recovering costs from owners.

8 DEFECT NOTICES

- 8.1 Where defective ramps exist the following procedure will apply:
- 8.2 Notice to allow up to twenty-one (21) days to effect repairs to Council's standards.
- 8.3 If no action is taken within the specified period Council will remove the defective grid at landowner's cost and permission to retain the grid at the site will be revoked.

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