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# Grids on Shire Roads Policy

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## CONTROL:

Policy Type:	Administration
Authorised by:	Council
Head of Power:	Local Government Act 2009
Responsible Officer:	Road and Town Services Manager
Responsibilities:	Policy compliance and management of grids
Adopted / Approved:	19 October 2021; Resolution 2021/284
Last Reviewed:	October 2021
Review:	October 2025 Note: This Policy is reviewed when any of the following occur: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The related information is amended or replaced.</li><li>2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer.</li></ol> Notwithstanding the above, this Policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than four years.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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### 1.1 PURPOSE:

This policy has been developed to clarify maintenance and replacement responsibility for all stock grids on Shire roads and to provide a process for the installation of new grids on Shire roads.

### 1.2 POLICY OBJECTIVES:

To ensure all stock grids on Shire roads are constructed, installed and maintained to an acceptable standard.

### 1.3 COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY:

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other specific grids policies of Council (whether written or not).

### 1.4 SCOPE:

This policy applies to all existing and future stock grids on Shire roads.

## 2. POLICY

### 2.1 POLICY STATEMENT:

Council has responsibility for the maintenance and replacement of all stock grids on Shire roads. Grids will be maintained and replaced in accordance with Council standards. Landholders must make application to Council for approval to have any new grid installed on a Shire road. Council may require payment of an application fee and charges to fund the installation, maintenance and replacement of grids.

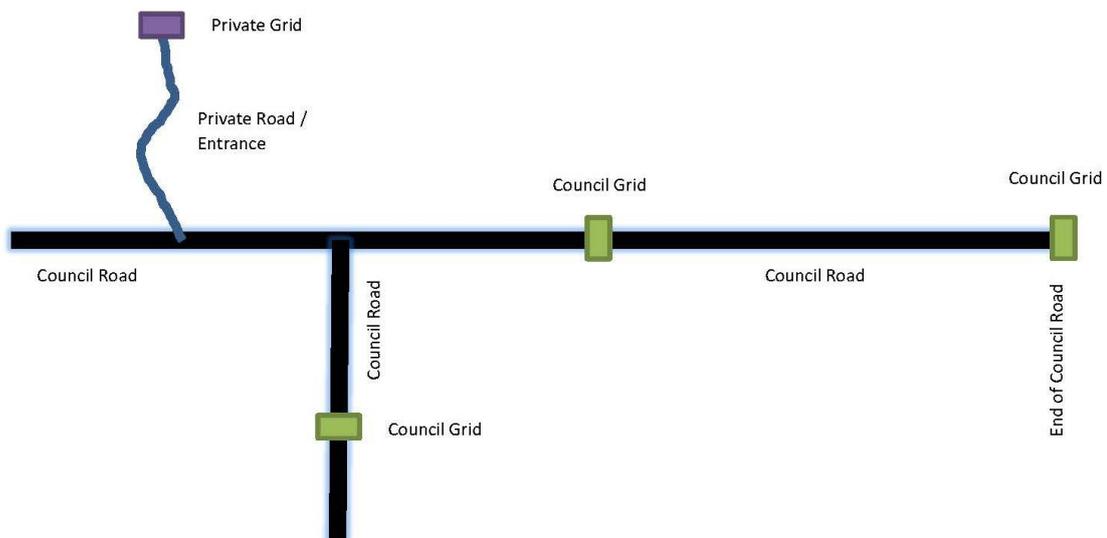
## 3. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

### 3.1 SPECIFIC AND STANDARD

#### 3.1.1 General

Council assumes responsibility for the ownership and maintenance/Repair of all grids including associated signage on Shire roads. This is on the basis that traffic, including caravans, heavy transport and other passing traffic, may cause damage to grids which is deemed unfair as a landowner responsibility. Council is responsible for the maintenance and replacement of all existing grids. Property owners are responsible for cleaning out grids.

The entrance to a property at the end of a property access from a Council controlled road is deemed to be a private access. As such grids at property entrances at the end of the property access from a Shire road (private grid refer below) are not covered by this policy and remain the full responsibility of the property owner.



### **3.1.2 Cleaning of Grids**

Council will only be responsible for the cleaning of a grid where it is known that, as a result of road maintenance, the grid has been filled with surplus material. All other circumstances will be the responsibility of the property owner who benefits from the grid.

### **3.1.3 Maintenance and Replacement – Existing Grids**

Council is responsible for the maintenance/repair and replacement of all stock grids on Shire roads. The grids will be inspected and maintained/repared in accordance with inspection and maintenance programs and standards. Maintenance is the repair of the structure of the grid including the rails and headwalls.

### **3.1.4 New Grids**

Any new grids and associated signage to be installed on Council controlled roads shall be purchased by Council at the property owner's expense, be installed at Council's expense and be maintained and replaced as required at Council's expense.

A request for a new grid to be installed on Council controlled roads must be made in writing and approved by Council. The application will be assessed in light of road safety and usability. If approved, Council will determine the appropriate construction and installation standards.

### **3.1.5 Design Standard**

All new grids shall be fully precast units from a supplier approved by Council.

The minimum width of new grids for gravel roads shall be 4.0 metres (single lane).

The minimum width of new grids for bitumen roads shall be 8.0 metres.

The minimum length of new grids for all roads shall be 2.1 metres.

All signage shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the Austroads Standards and Specifications

### **3.1.6 Application Fee**

Application fee will be set in Council's fees and charges.

### **3.1.7 Special Charge**

As part of the annual budget process Council will consider the levying of a special charge on each property that benefits from cattle grids on Shire Roads.

### **3.1.8 Breach of Policy**

A breach of this policy may result in removal of non-compliant infrastructure from Shire roads. Infringement notices and or fines may be applicable in accordance with Council Local Laws. Non-compliance and/or willful damage to Council Infrastructure will be reported to Police and/or other Authorities as applicable.

## 4. REFERENCE AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 4.1 DEFINITIONS:

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Word / Term	Definition
Council	Means Bulloo Shire Council.
Council Controlled Road	A public place provided for the use of the public for traffic movement, and which has been declared or proclaimed, notified, gazetted or dedicated.
Road	A route trafficable by motor vehicles; in law; the public right-of-way between boundaries of adjoining properties.
Private Access Road	A road used for access to a single private landholding which is not required to be declared or proclaimed, notified, gazetted or dedicated and the Shire does not maintain. Public liability on these roads rests with the landholder
Cleaning	Removal of material from under the grid platform
Maintenance	Repairs to the structure of the grid including the rails and headwalls.

### 4.2 RELATED POLICIES, LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS:

Links to supporting documentation
<i>Transport Infrastructure Act 2017</i>