

Council Contribution to Boundary Fences (Non Road Reserves) Policy

PURPOSE:

To define under what circumstances Council will contribute to the construction or repair of boundary fences adjoining Council property.

SCOPE:

All side boundaries adjoining Council owned property. Does not apply to fence boundaries adjoining a road as defined in the Boundary Fences Act 1908.

POLICY:

1. Council will contribute to the replacement and/or repair of common boundary fencing up to the extent of one half of the ruling rate per metre for the construction of a 3 rail 1.5 metre high timber paling fence with galvanised iron posts set in concrete.
2. If a fence of a lesser standard is required the level of contribution will be equal to half the costs of construction.
3. If a fence of a higher standard is required the contribution will not exceed half the set ruling rate per metre for a 1.5 metre fence described in 1 above.
4. Council will not retrospectively pay for boundary fencing work.
5. No contribution will be made:
 - (a) Where the fence bounds a road as defined in the Boundary Fences Act 1908.
 - (b) Where a fence is in sound condition (as determined by an Accredited Building Practitioner) but the owner wishes to upgrade it or alter its style.
 - (c) Where the negligent actions of the owner/occupier have caused unnecessary damage to the fence.
6. (a) Where the Council requires a fence type higher than 1.5 metres for amenity reasons Council will pay the difference between the standard set ruling rate for a 1.5 metre fence and the higher fence.
 - (b) Where the land owner and Council agree that a best practice solution is a fence higher than 1.5 metres then the cost will be shared equally.
7. Where a fence is required as a result of any new roads being formed by Council the cost of this work shall be borne fully by Council.

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PRINCIPLES:

The Council's Organisation Values apply to all activities.

RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

N/A.

RELATED LEGISLATION:

Boundary Fences Act 1908.

REFERENCES:

N/A.

DEFINITIONS:

Ruling rate per metre is to be calculated by the Manager Parks and Recreation every second financial year by averaging quotations from 3 contractors.

REVIEW:

This policy will be reviewed no more than 5 years after the date of approval (version) or more frequently, if dictated by operational demands and with Council approval