

# Stock Grids on Roads Policy

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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a systematic approach to the management of existing, replacement and new stock grids on Council road reserves.

## 2. Definitions

Add definitions to a numbered list if required as below.

- 2.1 A **Council staff member** means any person that is employed full-time, part-time or casually by Council who receives remuneration for their work.
- 2.2 A **minor local access road** is a minor road corridor as defined in Council's road network with low traffic volumes.
- 2.3 A **regionally significant road** is a major thoroughfare within the hierarchy of Councils road network which require a structurally compliant stock grid for the traffic volumes and National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) access.
- 2.4 A **stock grid** is a type of infrastructure used to prevent livestock from passing along a road which penetrates the fencing surrounding an enclosed piece of land.

## 3. Policy

### 3.1 Stock Grid Management

#### 3.1.1 Stock Grids on Regionally Significant Roads (Class 3)

- 3.1.1.1 Murraylands Road is a road of significance within Council's road hierarchy and grids within the section of Thiele Highway, Morgan to the Sturt Highway, Blanchetown will remain under the care, control and management of Council.
- 3.1.1.2 All road infrastructure associated with Murraylands Road grids will be maintained to the relevant standard including signage and road approaches by Council.

### 3.1.2 **Stock Grids on Minor Local Access Roads (Class 5)**

- 3.1.2.1 It is Council's preference for stock grids to be avoided on any public road corridor. Exceptions will be considered where the cost and environment to install boundary fencing is prohibitive. The landowner where no fencing exists may install or have responsibility for a stock grid within a road corridor.
- 3.1.2.2 The landowner whom derives direct benefit from the use of a stock grid will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance any existing stock grids, this includes approach and warning signage.
- 3.1.2.3 The landowner whom derived the direct benefit from the use of the stock grid will require a Section 221 permit for the authorisation of the grid and subsequent responsibility of the structure and all matter pertaining to Council's requirements under the relevant Codes and Australian Standards.

### 3.1.3 **Removal of Road Stock Grids**

- 3.1.3.1 Where a landowner proposes to install boundary fencing for stock control making an existing stock grid redundant, Council will reinstate the road surface to an as like condition.

## 3.2 **Replacement or Major Upgrades to Existing Stock Grids**

- 3.2.1 Future upgrades (replacement) of existing grids by the adjoining landowners will be subject to the authorisation of Council through a Section 221 permit and to the relevant Australian Standard AS5100.
- 3.2.2 In the circumstance that a landowner wishes to upgrade a grid, construction standards must be met and approved under Section 221 of the Local Government Act. All costs associated with the upgrade will be borne by the landowner.

## 4. Policy Responsibility

The Director – Infrastructure & Field Services is responsible for ensuring the proper operation of this Policy.

## 5. Availability/Accessibility

- 5.1 This Policy and Council's Fees and Charges Register are available to be downloaded free of charge from Council's website: [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au)
- 5.2 This Policy is available for inspection at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours. Hard copies, for a fee in accordance with Council's schedule of Fees and Charges, can be provided upon request.

## 6. Legislative Framework / Other References

- 6.1 *Local Government Act 1999*
- 6.2 Australian Standard AS5100



## 7. Document History

This Policy shall be reviewed at least every four (4) years or more frequently if legislation or Council requires. (adjust this paragraph to suite).

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