

PUBLIC GATES AND MOTOR BY-PASSES

Objective

To regulate and, as far as practicable, eliminate all public gates and motor by-passes (stock grids) on local and classified roads.

Scope

All gates and grids located on Public roads in Gilgandra Shire.

Policy

Public Gates

1. New gates will be discouraged, except as part of a grid/gate combination on a no through road.
2. Any existing public gates along the line of the road may remain in place for the time being, however permit holders are encouraged to remove them and either fence out the road reserve or, if on a no through road, replace them with a new gate and by-pass structure.
3. Council may, at any time, revoke a permit and require the public gate to be removed.

Public Gate and Motor By-passes

1. The construction of new public gates and motor by-passes will be discouraged. As a first preference, Council encourages applicants to fence out the road reserve.
2. In accordance with the Roads Act 1993, public gates and motor by-passes will only be considered on unfenced public no through roads at a place at which the road intersects a boundary fence or internal boundaries. Applications to install a public gate and a motor by-pass must be in writing and must specify the applicant's details and the location of the proposed public gate and by-pass combination.
3. All costs incurred by Council in dealing with an application for permission to install a public gate and by-pass including the public gate and by-pass registration fee, must be paid by the applicant within seven (7) days of the receipt of a claim from Council.
4. Council may, at any time, revoke a permit and require the public gate and by-pass to be removed and the road reinstated.
5. Where Council permits construction of a public motor by-pass it must be located along the line of the road, with the public gate located beside the grid.
6. The following is required to be provided for public gate and motor by-passes respectively (applies to existing gates or gates installed as part of a public gate and motor by-pass)

Public Gates

- a) The gate must be firmly supported, of a minimum width of 4.0 metres, and be capable of swinging freely in either direction.
- b) The gate must be painted white. Reflectors must be provided on both sides of the gate, on both approaches.
- c) A notice must be attached to both sides of the gate bearing the words "PUBLIC GATE" in letters at least 75mm high.
- d) Where there is a public gate along the line of the road not as part of a public gate and by-pass, an advance warning sign must be erected on both approaches, approximately 100 metres in advance of the gate bearing the words "GATE" (Sign W5-14B).
- e) Council is willing to install a new/replacement gate provided the Permit Holder meets the cost of the gate and transport to the site.
- f) Gilgandra Shire Council will maintain the gate, the reflectors, the notices, the advance warning sign and the road approaches in good condition.

By-Passes

- a) The by-pass must be at least 4.00 metres wide with a carrying capacity of 18 tonne/axle. Council may require a by-pass of greater width where considered necessary, and may require an existing by-pass to be widened.
- b) A by-pass must be constructed in accordance with a design that ensures that the by-pass is not impeded with water or wash and covered with an open grille so as to enable motor vehicles to pass over it, but to be an obstacle to the passage of animals.
- c) Reflectors or width markers (Sign D4-3A) must be provided on both sides of the by-pass, on both approaches.
- d) An advance warning sign must be erected on both approaches, approximately 100 metres in advance of the gate bearing the words "GRID" (Sign W5-16B).
- e) Gilgandra Shire Council will construct to a bitumen condition the road approaches in order to provide a safe approach to the by-pass for a distance of at least 20 metres on each approach to the grid.
- f) Council is willing to install a new/replacement bypass structure (grid and wingwalls) provided the Permit Holder meets the cost of the by-pass and transport to the site.
- g) Gilgandra Shire Council will maintain the by-pass, the reflectors, the notices, the advance warning sign and the road approaches in good condition.



Inspections

All public gates and motor by-passes are to be inspected in accordance with Council’s Asset Assessment process and applicable level of service.

Register

A register will be established and maintained for all public gates and motor by-passes issued and will detail:

- the registration number
- date of permit issue
- the public gate location
- the titles of adjacent lands; and
- the name of the permit holder of all public gates and motor by-passes issued
- the exact location of each public gate or motor by-pass

Relevant Legislation

Roads Act 1993 – sections 7, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136 and 138
 Roads Regulation 2008 – Part 6 Public Gates Section 73, 74, 75 and 76.
 Australian Standards 5100
 Bridge Code T44

Associated Documents

Council’s Grid Register

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