

Subject **GATES AND RAMPS**

Description: This document describes Council's policy concerning the conditions under which it will approve of gates and ramps being erected on roads under its control.

Objective: To inform residents and staff of the conditions of approval and to ensure that motorists are not significantly disadvantaged by the construction of gates and ramps.

PART 1 - POLICY

1. Council opposes gates on any road and seeks their eventual removal from all roads maintained by Council.
 2. No gates or ramps will be approved on Regional Roads. Council will not approve new ramps on sealed roads and seeks their eventual removal from all sealed roads maintained by Council.
 3. Council will encourage landowners to remove ramps and will assist in that removal. That assistance will take the form of using Council plant to lift out steel grids, excavate footings and grade and compact gravel supplied by the landowner to restore the road at the old ramp site, at no cost to the landowner, subject to the work being carried out when plant is in the area.
 4. Council does not favour ramps. However, approval is required for any proposal to install a new ramp in accordance with the criteria set out below.
 5. Any new ramps must be at least 3.7m wide. On two lane roads, they must be at least 7.3m wide. All must have adequate warning signs provided and maintained by the landowner to Council's satisfaction.
 6. All new ramps must be provided with a sidetrack and a gate at least 4.9m wide.
 7. Maintenance of the ramp and its approaches for a length of 6m on either approach is the responsibility of the landowner. The owner is also responsible for maintenance of the gate and sidetrack.
 8. When grading a road, Council will attempt to maintain the road right up to a ramp. Any associated minor damage to the ramp or depositing of material in the ramp will need to be repaired by the landowner.
 9. If a landowner does not repair a ramp or its approaches, the gate or the sidetrack following three written requests to do so, Council will carry out the work at the owner's expense.
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10. All new ramps must be constructed to Council's specifications and to its satisfaction.

PART 2 - EXEMPTIONS

Under no circumstances is any person exempt from the necessity to obtain a particular approval to install a new gate or ramp on a road under Council's control.

PART 3 - CRITERIA

Council must take into account the following criteria in determining whether to approve or not approve an application to install a new gate or ramp:

- (a) whether the road is a classified main road or a local road
- (b) the type of road surface
- (c) the pavement width
- (d) the alignment
- (e) traffic volumes
- (f) travel speed
- (g) the roadside environment
- (h) the presence or absence of gates or ramps in the vicinity of the proposed site
- (i) the proposed design of the ramp or gate.

PART 4 - OTHER MATTERS

NIL

Review: This policy is to be reviewed as necessary or every four years in accordance with Section 165, Local Government Act, 1993.

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