

# POLICY REGISTER

*Warren Shire Council*

## ISSUE OF TEMPORARY GRAZING PERMITS ON COUNCIL CONTROLLED DEDICATED PUBLIC ROADS WHERE TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES DO NOT EXIST

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Previous Policy adopted:	28.1.93 Minute No 19.3.93 (Driving of Loose Animals on Shire Roads)
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## ***I OBJECTIVE***

To streamline all requests for permission for landowners to temporarily graze stock on Council controlled dedicated public roads where travelling stock routes do not exist.

## ***II POLICY STATEMENT***

### **A. LEGALITY**

1. This policy takes its statutory authority from the Rural Lands Protection Act, 1989 (as amended). This policy supersedes all other policies within Council regarding the issue of temporary grazing permits on Council controlled dedicated public roads where travelling stock routes do not exist. It is the relevant Rural Lands Protection Board not Council who is responsible for the issue of temporary grazing permits on Council controlled dedicated public roads where a travelling stock route does not exist.

### **B. APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. All applicants for temporary grazing permits on Council controlled dedicated public roads where travelling stock routes do not exist shall be directed to the relevant Rural Lands Protection Board which is the responsible Authority for issuing of temporary grazing permits on Council controlled dedicated public roads where travelling stock routes do not exist.
2. It is then the responsibility of the relevant Rural Lands Protection Board to write to Council giving full details of any request to issue a temporary grazing permit on a Council controlled dedicated public road where a travelling stock route does not exist.
3. The request is then considered by a Council Officer under delegated authority taking into consideration the following matters that will determine if the dedicated public road is suitable for the temporary use of stock for grazing:
  - i. Width of road reserve
  - ii. Traffic (type and level)
  - iii. Type of proposed stock
  - iv. Number of proposed stock
  - v. Other relevant Council Policies
  - vi. Whether the applicant is the owner of the adjacent property.

4. Council then advises the relevant Rural Lands Protection Board of its decision and any relevant conditions that are deemed necessary if the permit is to be issued. Conditions may not necessarily be limited to the following but need to be considered by the relevant Council Officer:
  - i. Adequate signage
  - ii. Adequate electric fencing or other suitable fencing and the need to ensure that the fencing is kept in proper working order
  - iii. Non use of the Council controlled dedicated public road during wet weather
  - iv. Maximum number of proposed stock
  - v. Limits to the length of road to be used
  - vi. The keeping of stock off the surface of shoulder of the road except for the purposes of movement of stock from one side of the road to the other and only then when under control
  - vii. Movement of stock back to the owner's property at night
  - viii. Time limits
  - ix. Level of supervision of the stock
  - x. Any other matter that is deemed necessary.
5. The relevant Rural Lands Protection Board considers the application in accordance with Section 94, Rural Lands Protection Act, 1989 (as amended) and either refuses the application or issues a temporary grazing permit with or without conditions.
6. The relevant Rural Lands Protection Board is responsible for policing of any issued temporary grazing permits and any relevant conditions on Council controlled dedicated public roads where a travelling stock route does not exist and Council hereby delegates authority to the relevant Rural Lands Protection Board to act on Council's behalf for the purpose of controlling stock on land vested in or under the control of Council.
7. Council is to advise as soon as practical the relevant Rural Lands Protection Board of any concerns in regard to the use under temporary grazing permits of Council controlled dedicated public roads where a travelling stock route does not exist.

### ***III REVIEW DETAILS***

Nil.