

Contribution to Fencing Costs

PURPOSE

To outline Council's responsibilities for contributing toward the cost of fencing between an adjoining property and Council land.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all contributions made by Council to fencing costs.

POLICY

- 1. Council's commitment**
As required under the *Fences Act 1968*, Council will contribute to the cost of fencing between an adjoining property where Council is the freehold owner of the land.
- 2. Quality and standard**
Council reserves the right to require a specific quality and standard of fencing in keeping with the adjoining area and the requirements of Council.
- 3. Quotations required**
Council shall only consider a request to contribute a maximum of 50% of the total cost of fencing if the adjoining owner initiating the fencing provides three quotations in writing from established fencing contractors.
- 4. Agreements in writing**
When Council agrees to contribute to the costs of fencing with an adjoining owner, it will confirm agreement in writing.
- 5. Works to be completed before payment**
Where Council does agree to contribute to the cost of any fencing with an adjoining owner, it will only make payment upon completion of the fencing.
- 6. Crown lands**
Council shall not be held accountable for the costs of fencing for any crown land. However, where Council is the Committee of Management for that land and the land is exclusively in Council's care, Council may contribute to the cost of boundary fencing where it is considered to be in the public interest.
- 7. Road reserves**
Council shall not contribute to any fencing costs along road reserve/property boundaries.
- 8. Subdivisions**
The boundaries of new reserves created by subdivisions and vested in Council shall be fenced by the developer at no cost to Council.
- 9. Exceptions**
Council shall not consider requests for assistance with fencing costs where the works have already been completed.

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