

# NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL



## PUBLIC GATE AND BYPASS POLICY

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## **OBJECTIVE**

1. To provide a managed level of public safety for users of the road network.
2. To minimise the number of impediments to the free flow of traffic.
3. To reduce the risk presented by a Public Gate and Bypass to road users, Council and landowners.
4. To support procedures for the issuing of a permit, inspection, evaluation and maintenance of a Public Gate and Bypass.
5. To remove unnecessary or dangerous grids and to ensure that grids are maintained in a safe and serviceable condition.

## **BACKGROUND**

1. A Bypass is commonly known as a stock grid. The term Bypass is used in the Roads Act and Roads General Regulation.
2. Bypasses and Public Gates exist on Council's road network and present a risk to road users, Council and property owners.
3. Whilst Council has the control, care and management responsibility of its public roads, ownership and maintenance responsibility for a Public Gate and Bypass rests with the landowner, as defined in the Roads Act 1993.
4. The procedures developed for this purpose are derived from industry best practice and the provisions of the Roads Act 1993 and Roads General Regulation 2002 which enable a Roads Authority to grant permits for installation of a Public Gate and Bypass.
5. It is important that a proposed Public Gate and Bypass is approved and constructed to a defined standard, and that existing structures are reviewed for compliance with the Roads Act and this Policy.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all Council controlled roads within the Narromine Shire Council local government area. (Refer to Council's Road Register).

## **POLICY**

1. Council aims to provide a managed approach to the provision of Public Gates and Bypasses.
2. The policy, together with the procedures, provides the guidelines for managing Public Gates and Bypasses.
3. To minimise the risk to Council in the provision and maintenance of Public Gates and Bypasses.

## **BUDGETING**

1. Council will, within its budgetary constraints, endeavour to provide a level of funding each year to meet the management requirements documented in these procedures.
2. Council will allocate human and financial resources in order to conduct inspections and assessments for the implementation of the policy and procedures within Council's budget constraints.

## **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Refer to the Narromine Shire Council Public Gate and Bypass Management Procedure which details related documents and the processes and procedures that need to be followed to ensure the principles of this Policy are adhered to.

## **DURATION AND REVIEW**

The policy and procedure will be reviewed periodically as required.