



Policy

ROADSIDE CATTLE GRAZING POLICY

Responsible Officer: GENERAL MANAGER

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KING ISLAND COUNCIL

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the process and conditions to be applied to owner/s in relation to access to the roadside for the purpose of cattle grazing.

The objectives of this policy are:

- to control and regulate the activity of grazing to maintain the safety of all road users.
- to protect Council's assets from damage.
- to protect areas of native vegetation and rare and threatened species of flora within the road reserve.

2. Scope

This policy will apply in all situations where requests are received by Council to graze cattle on a road reserve within the municipal area.

This policy excludes any of the State Growth roadside verges that are not controlled by King Island Council. (Shown in Blue on this map)



These are: North Road from Rocky Point Road/North Road/Haines Road intersection, all the way down to Main Street through town, Edward Street from roundabout out of town, Grassy Road from Currie through to Blackwood Street intersection in Grassy, Grassy Port Road, Don Kendall Drive from North Road to the Morrison Avenue intersection and Morrison Avenue.



Permits are available for short-term roadside grazing only.

This is when cattle are moved along or penned within the roadside reserve for a short period of time for the purpose of clearing the roadside verge of vegetation.

A short-term roadside grazing permit is available for a limited time to ensure the roadside areas are not negatively impacted by excessive grazing.

3. Policy

3.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- *Local Government Act 1993 (TAS)*
- *Roads and Jetties Act 1935*

3.2 POLICY STATEMENT

3.2.1 Permit requirements

A person can only apply for a permit to graze cattle on a road reserve if they:

- hold a current public liability insurance.
- obtain written approval from land owners adjacent to grazing area.
- supply a road side safety plan for the area where the cattle are being grazed.
- provide a detailed map of the grazing location/s.
- complete the safety inspection checklist.

3.2.3 Public liability insurance

The value of at least \$10 million against liability for property damage which may arise as a result of grazing cattle on the road reserves.

A copy of the insurance policy must be supplied with the Permit Application. The insurance policy must be maintained during the life of the grazing permit.

Proof of renewal must be provided to Council prior to expiry otherwise the permit will be cancelled.



3.2.4 Written approval from landowners

If the road reserve is not located on the boundary of the applicant's property, written approval must be provided from the property owner/s with the Permit Application.

3.2.5 Locations of grazing activity

A detailed map must be supplied to Council showing the locations where the cattle will be grazing and include detail of proposed temporary fence boundaries.

3.2.6 Risk management

Details of all hazards likely to arise during grazing activity in the road reserve, including signage installation, setting out temporary fencing, moving cattle and any other hazards are to be identified. The applicant is to complete a worksite safety inspection checklist attached to the application form which identifies most risks associated with roadside cattle grazing which have been identified by the Council.

3.2.7 Control and warning devices

The permit holder must ensure that approved temporary stock zone warning signs (minimum 600mm x 900mm) are placed and maintained at 200 metres from either end of the permit area and at any road junctions within the permit area to warn motorists that cattle are being grazed on the roadside.

3.2.8 Erection of temporary fencing

Temporary fencing must be erected at no less than 1 metre from the road edge.

Person/s erecting the temporary fencing must:

- wear high visibility clothing/vest.
- not work within 1 metre of the road carriageway.

No grazing will be permitted where the 1 metre distance cannot be achieved.



3.2.9 Temporary fencing

The fence should consist of a minimum of two electric wires and comply with Australia Standards Electrical Installations – Electric Fences AS/NZS 3014.

Electric fences shall be constructed so that posts and wire are clearly visible to motorists and other road users. Standard electric fence pegs shall be used, not star pickets.

Warning signs are to be installed and visible to all road users at regular intervals, securely fastened to the fence posts or firmly clamped to the fence wires. A warning sign must be at least 100mm x 200mm. The background colour of both sides of the warning sign is to be yellow. The inscription on the sign is to be black and shall bare the words "ELECTRIC FENCE" and include the international warning logo.



3.2.10 Straying cattle

All cattle found wandering outside the temporary fencing will be deemed to be straying cattle. Council will respond to all reports of straying cattle and will contact the permit holder to seek containment immediately.

Complaints of straying cattle may result in a review of permit conditions and/or cancelation of the permit.

3.2.11 Cattle limit

The maximum number of animals for which a grazing permit will be issued will depend on the road reserve conditions.

No bulls shall be permitted to graze on any road reserve.

Calves older than 2 weeks can be grazed on the road reserve with their mothers.



3.2.12 Moving cattle

Road Rules Regulations 2009 Part 22 – Division 2 Livestock on Roads must be followed when moving cattle on all roads.

3.2.13 Night grazing

All short-term grazing permits include daylight hours only. Approval for night grazing would only be considered in extenuating circumstances.

3.2.14 Native vegetation and flora

No permit shall be issued for an area which has native vegetation and/or rare and threatened species of flora where grazing may have a detrimental effect.

3.2.15 Damage to road reserves

The permit holder is responsible for any restoration of damage to the road reserve caused by their cattle. This may include communications, power and/or table drains.

3.2.16 Grounds for refusal

Grounds for refusal of a permit include:

- unsuitable road reserve dimensions.
- the road reserve is scheduled for maintenance activities and Council requires unrestricted access.
- the possibility of introducing or spreading a declared weed, pest or notifiable disease.
- where cattle are likely to have an adverse effect on road safety.
- insurance is not current or coverage is inadequate.

3.2.17 Permit cancellation

A permit may be cancelled:

- if the original information supplied by the applicant is found to be false or misleading.
- if the applicant has failed to comply with a condition of the permit.
- if road works are required to ensure road safety.
- at Council's discretion.



3.2.18 Permit period and application fee

The short-term grazing permit application will need to be supplied with all required documentation before an application can be considered. There is a fee of \$55.00 applicable for a short-term grazing permits.

AMENDMENT

Council retains the sole discretion to vary, terminate or replace this Policy from time to time. Council will consult before amendments are made and will notify and train those the amendments apply to.

4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Applicable legislation:

All laws in connection with roadside and roads maintenance including but not limited to:

- *Local Government Act 1993* (TAS)
- *Roads and Jetties Act 1935*

Definitions	
Term	Meaning
Council	King Island Council
Councillor	An elected member of Council known as a Councillor or Alderman or otherwise meeting the definition of a 'councillor' as defined under section 3 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (TAS)
Employee	A person who carries out work for Council as an employee of Council.
General Manager	The general manager of Council as appointed under section 61 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (TAS).
Manager/Supervisor	A person at the Workplace who is appointed to a position that has management/supervisory responsibilities for others or their appropriately nominated or authorised delegate.
Policy	Roadside Cattle Grazing Policy
Workplace	A place where work is carried out for Council.



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Attach:

Short Term Roadside Cattle Grazing Application Form

Workplace Safety Inspection Checklist for Roadside Cattle Grazing

Short Term Roadside Cattle Grazing Permit

