



Cattle Stop Policy

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External Management Policy

Policy References

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Facilitator:	Land Transport Manager
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Purpose

Gisborne District Council wishes to provide a consistent approach to the installation and maintenance of cattle stops on Council controlled roads within the Gisborne District.

Background

Cattle stops have traditionally been installed by farmers on public roads. This has enabled them to better utilise their farms and reduce the need to fence stretches of boundary adjacent to the roadway. The farmers have also been responsible for the maintenance of the cattle stops as they benefit from the structures.

Over recent years there has been a significant increase in forestry vehicles, and logging trucks in particular, that are causing considerable maintenance of some cattle stops. This is both in the form of infilling of the cattle stops with debris and damage to the structures. Although there have been attempts to get a shared approach to the maintenance of the cattle stops, the parties have different views.

To resolve this, Council formally requested that staff develop a policy with the principle that the Council take responsibility for the maintenance of cattle stops on Council roads for approval by the Operations Committee with regard to current policy of installation.

Policy

Approval Process

Gates and cattle stops may be placed across roads under section 344 of the Local Government Act. Therefore, a person requiring a cattle stop will need to fill out an application form. <http://www.gdc.govt.nz/assets/Files/Application-Forms/Roading/FORM-Gate-or-Cattle-Stop-across-a-Road.pdf>

Cattle Stop Design

If the application is successful, then only Council approved cattle stops can be installed. The design will need to provide:

- Heavy duty loadings to Class 1 vehicles and the impact from present or future forestry operations.
- Ease of maintenance – many existing cattle stop pipes are welded together as a single unit and require either a digger to lift this unit to clean the cavity or have to be manually cleaned using a handheld trough that can fit through the cattle stop spacings. A Council approved design should have the ability to remove each individual pipe.
- A minimum width of 4.5m to accommodate the increasing size of trucks.

The installation will need to be carried out by a Council approved contractor (e.g. Council's local roading contractor) or cattle stop supplier

Examples of pre approved designs are attached.

Financial Responsibility

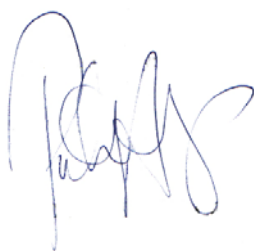
The permit holder will be responsible for all costs relating to:

- the permit process
- the purchase and installation of the cattle stop and any future replacements
- the maintenance of any gates and or fences attached to the cattle stop

The Council will be responsible for maintaining the cavity and the rail or bars of each cattle stop. It should be noted that Council will have the final decision in regards to whether the cattle stop requires replacing. For instance, if the cattle stop has clearly been neglected, Council is not financially responsible in bringing this up to a new standard.

Application

This policy applies to all cattle stops on Council controlled roads in the Gisborne District.



Authorised by Deputy Chief Executive

4 March 2013

Application for Gate or Cattle Stop across a Road

Section 344 Local Government Act 1974



About this form

Written permission is required to erect a swing gate or a cattle stop across any public road.

Please read the requirements over the page.

Applicant's details

Name in full:
First name Second name Last name

Address:
House No. Street Suburb

Town Postcode Country

Telephone: Mobile: Fax:

Email:

Location and request details

Permission is requested to erect:

- ☐ a swing gate across a public road
- ☐ a cattle stop on a public road

On (name of road):

Location on road:
(describe exact location, such as 1k from junction with)

Reason for request:

Specific requests:

I confirm that I have advertised in the Gisborne Herald that I have applied to Council for permission. ☐

Please attach copies of the newspaper advertisement. The notices must be placed in the Herald twice, 1 week apart.

Signature: Date:

Newspaper advertising

Suggested wording for newspaper advertisement

I (name)..... have applied to the Gisborne District Council for permission to erect a swing gate / cattle stop across Road, approximately metres/kilometres from its junction with Road. Any objections must be lodged within 14 days to the Group Manager of Engineering and Works, Gisborne District Council, PO Box 747, Gisborne 4010 or email service@gdc.govt.nz.



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