

CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

POLICY: GATES & CATTLE STOPS ON PUBLIC ROADS

This policy was adopted by a resolution of the Roading Hierarchy Committee on 28 February 2003.

Purpose

- To manage the number of gates and cattle stops on maintained roads;
- To ensure that gates and cattle stops on public roads are constructed and maintained to an appropriate standard; and
- To provide for the safety and right of passage of road users.

Statutory and Legal

The Local Government Act 1974 has provisions for gates and cattle stops on public roads.

Policy

1. Council adopts the following policies within the Local Government Act provisions for undertaking maintenance of gates and cattle stops:
 - a. Council assumes responsibility for maintenance of cattle stops.
 - b. Council will not fund construction of gates or cattle stops on roads.
 - c. Application for erection or removal of structures (gates, cattle stops, fences, etc) on roads shall be made in writing.
 - d. Council will not generally permit the erection of a gate or a cattle stop across any road unless Council's opinion is that it is not practicable or reasonable to fence the road.
 - e. For safety all gates shall have high intensity obstruction markers (RM-7) fixed to each side of the gate by Council.
 - f. The gate shall be maintained by the landowners to the standard required by Council.
2. Council will advise the community that the locking of gates on legal roads is unlawful and that locks should be removed.

Procedure

The location of gates and cattle stops on maintained roads is recorded on Councils' Roding Asset Management database (RAMMS).

Council's consultants monitor the location and standard of gates and cattle stops on the maintained roading network.

Standards for the construction of gates and cattle stops and requirements for signs are provided in the appendices.

Consent for the erection of a gate or cattle stop within the road reserve will be made using the form "Consent for Structure within the Road Reserve"

The fee for processing applications for erection of a gate or cattle stop is set out in Council's LTCCP 2004/14.

If Council is made aware of a locked gate on a legal road a letter will be written requiring the landowner to remove the lock and apply for consent for the gate to be located within the road reserve.