



Information sheet – Roadside grazing permit applications

Council acknowledges that in many instances roadside grazing can be beneficial to all farmers, land managers, and to the environment.

Council considers the following when assessing applications for roadside grazing permits:

- safety of other road users;
- potential damage to Council property and/or other farming enterprises;
- capacity to reduce fuel loads; and
- impact on the natural environment: will the grazing harm native vegetation, rare and threatened flora and fauna species, and habitat values?

After considering these factors, Council may:

- issue the permit; or
- work with the applicant to modify the permit application; or
- impose special conditions as part of the permit; or
- not issue the permit.

The main reasons why a permit would not be issued include:

- insufficient information provided to assess the application; or
- failure to pay the prescribed fee prior to commencing grazing; or
- application is for land not by managed Council; or
- application is for grazing of horses, or bulls; or
- application includes High Roadside Conservation Value Areas; or
- boundary fencing is not retained or maintained in a reasonable condition;

The application must be submitted on this form:

[Application for Grazing Permit](#)

It is important that ALL the requested information is supplied:

Including but not limited to:

- map (with sufficient detail on it) showing requested grazing area (refer to Attachment 1 for example of map);
- public liability insurance details;
- permit fee paid;
- letter from the owner/leasee of the adjoining property stating their approval for the grazing activity (if applicant is not the owner/leasee of the adjoining property); and
- application form signed and dated.

If the form is not completed, the permit will not be processed.

A separate application form and permit fee needs to be completed and paid for each grazing location applied for.

Please note:

Generally, 20 working days are required to process the application and issue the permit.

Permit holders are encouraged to graze the permitted area prior to the onset of the fire danger period; i.e. in November

When issued, this permit will:

- allow for specific stock type;
- allow for specific number of stock;
- define the area to be used for grazing; and
- specify type of fencing required, and the expected maintenance standard of this fencing.

This permit will not allow:

- supplementary feeding of livestock;
- damage to road related infrastructure including guideposts, signage, drains or road surfaces;
- stock to be on the roadside between sunset and sunrise;
- infrastructure to be installed (including water troughs, feeders or loading ramps), aside from temporary fencing; and
- damage to, or the destruction of, native vegetation.

Additional conditions to protect native vegetation may be incorporated in the permit including:

- restrictions on times of the year when grazing is permitted; and
- defined exclusion zones within the permitted area.