



Council Contribution to Fencing Costs Policy

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1. Purpose

To set out the conditions in which Council will contribute to fencing costs.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all fencing adjacent to Council owned land.

3. Policy

Council's contribution towards fencing costs is based on the Fences Act 1968 (Vic) to determine eligibility. The Act states that Council is required to contribute to fencing costs for all land owned by Council.

3.1 Eligibility:

Upon request Council will contribute towards fencing costs for all Council owned land, excluding Road Reserves, tree reserves less than 2m in width where directly adjacent to Road Reserves and property frontages.

3.2 Construction:

All posts must be either concrete or redgum and rails must be hardwood. metal or colorbond fencing may be used but Council will only contribute half cost of standard timber fencing (6'4"), any additional cost for extra height or materials to be borne by the property owner. Where there is a covenant attached to the property title in relation to the type and style of fencing, Council will contribute half cost to the particular style of fencing mentioned within the covenant subject to the eligibility criteria being met.

If demolition and removal of existing fence has been quoted, the fencing contractor must then perform all work.

3.3 Hardship:

In cases where the adjoining property owner is subject to financial hardship and is unable to contribute to their portion of the cost for fencing, it is recommended that referral be made to Council's Financial Hardship Policy.

4 Responsibility

This policy is managed by the Civil Works team within the Civil Contracts business unit. All claims for half cost fencing must be made in writing to the Melton Shire Council and must be accompanied by two quotes for the said works. The Civil Works team will assess each claim based on the adopted policy.

5 References and links to other documents

Fences Act 1968 (Vic)

Financial Hardship Policy