

FENCING POLICY

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Related Policies:	Nil
Applicable to Unit(s):	Built Environment
Responsible Officer:	Manager Built Environment
Statutory Reference:	<i>Fences Act 1968 (including amendments effected 22/9/2014); Local Laws; Local Government Act 1989</i>

OVERVIEW

To establish policy for the management of fencing costs on boundaries adjoining Council controlled land.

THE POLICY

This Policy sets out Council's responsibilities in relation to contribution for construction and maintenance costs of fencing on boundaries adjoining Council owned and/or occupied land. The Policy is subject to provisions in Council's planning scheme, local laws, current building regulations and the Victorian *Fences Act 1968*.

Responsibility

Council will contribute to the shared costs of fencing where requested by adjoining landowners, on boundaries land where Council is the owner or has vested control.

Council will not contribute to the cost of:

- Roadways, right of ways;
- Rural Fencing;
- Gates onto Council land;
- Waterways or drainage reserves;
- fencing resulting from new subdivisions: or
- pedestrian access ways.

Council will fund the 50% of the cost with the landowner of the cheapest quotation for a standard 1.8 metre hardwood paling fence, with concrete posts and plinths. This standard fence has been specified as it is the most resilient to damage, and most cost effective to maintain.

If a landowner requests to build a non-standard fence, Council may contribute on the condition that the landowner accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the fence.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Wellington Shire Council is committed to upholding the Human Rights principles as outlined in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)* and referred to in Council's Human Rights Policy. The Human Rights Checklist has been completed and this policy accords with Council's policy commitment to uphold human rights principles.

Related Documents

Type:	Details:
Procedure:	Nil
Strategy:	Nil