

DIVIDING FENCE CONTRIBUTIONS ADJOINING COUNCIL OWNED / CONTROLLED LAND POLICY

COMMUNITY POLICY



1 Scope

This policy applies to dividing fences adjoining Rockhampton Regional Council owned or controlled land.

2 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- (a) Define when Council contributes towards a dividing fence;
- (b) Ensure compliance with relevant legislation; and
- (c) Provide appropriate authorisation of expenditure towards dividing fence contributions.

3 Related Documents

3.1 Primary

Nil

3.2 Secondary

Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011

Australian Bureau of Statistics – Consumer Price Index

4 Definitions

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions apply:

CEO	Chief Executive Officer A person who holds an appointment under section 194 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> . This includes a person acting in this position.
Council	Rockhampton Regional Council
CPI	Consumer Price Index

5 Policy Statement

5.1 Contributions Not Made

In accordance with the *Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011*, Council does not contribute money towards a dividing fence adjoining land:

- (a) Outside the scope of the *Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011*, for example reserve land;
- (b) Where Council is not considered an owner for that land; that is land used as a public park (section 14(2)(a) *Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011*); or
- (c) Where a covenant or agreement exists that excludes Council from contributing.

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5.2 Contributions Made

Council contributes half of the cost towards a dividing fence adjoining Council owned freehold land based on the standard rate per metre (refer to paragraph 5.3).

5.3 Standard Rate

The standard rate per metre for dividing fence contribution has been increased by CPI for 2023 – 2024. The price per metre is reviewed annually and increased by CPI based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics – All Groups – Brisbane, March Quarter.

Year	Rate excluding GST (increased by CPI)
2023 – 2024	\$81 per metre

Where applicable, Council contributes half of the standard rate.

6 Review Timelines

This policy is reviewed when any of the following occur:

- (a) The related information is amended or replaced; or
- (b) Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Council.

7 Document Management

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