

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.

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).

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5.3 Standard Rate

The standard rate per metre for dividing fence contribution has been increased by CPI for 2026 – 2027. 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)
2026 – 2027	\$90 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

Sponsor	Chief Executive Officer
Business Owner	General Manager Organisational Services
Policy Owner	Manager Corporate and Technology Services
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