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Kind Regards,

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Enclosed please find a Submission re Gates and Grids

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To: Gladstone Regional Council

Attention: Tanya Whalley Manager Governance and Risk

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: This submission is in response to the proposed changes to the gates and grids policy.

Location: Hallorans Rd.

31 October 2023

My preferred option would be to return to the "permit system". I would install, maintain and have my own public liability insurance for those grids. Given the very small amount of traffic consisting mostly of passenger vehicles, the current grids have stood the test of time. Hallorans Rd was never built on the allocated easement, making these grids necessary to stop cattle straying onto the road and to also keep them segregated from the neighboring property's cattle.

Considerations.

1. The road, as it is at present, has three grids (2 grids/[REDACTED]) and (1 grid/[REDACTED]). Two grids are necessary to mark property boundary and an additional grid is necessary for cattle grazing management.
2. If the road was on the survey, alongside boundary with Mount Tom then, in order to fence the entire road, would require **one side only to be fenced.**
3. As the road is at present, **fencing would be required on two sides.** Additionally, that would separate the land parcels, making the western side of the road impractical for cattle management. This has been proven to be the case in other sections of the property that have been fenced because of council requirements to restrict cattle movements.
4. If Council insists on fencing, as a result of their suggested policy to 'have no grids on council roads', then there is an argument that Council **should, at the least, contribute by fencing the road**, given that the road is not as surveyed, and not as we would prefer, either for existing operations, or for property sales into the future.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: "Info (Mailbox)" <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: atten. Tanya re grids.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 21 October 2023 4:25 PM
To: Info (Mailbox) <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Kahn Goodluck <Kahn.Goodluck@gladstone.qld.gov.au>; Matt Burnett <mayor@gladstone.qld.gov.au>; Glenn Churchill <Glenn.Churchill@gladstone.qld.gov.au>; Chris Trevor <Chris.Trevor@gladstone.qld.gov.au>; Chris Cameron <Chris.Cameron@gladstone.qld.gov.au>; Darryl Branthwaite <Darryl.Branthwaite@gladstone.qld.gov.au>; Desley O'Grady <Desley.OGrady@gladstone.qld.gov.au>; Natalia Muszkat <Natalia.Muszkat@gladstone.qld.gov.au>; Rick Hansen <Rick.Hansen@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
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[REDACTED]

Raglan

21st October 2023

Dear Tanya,

I am responding to the gates and grids submission letter, Reference V
Hankinson:VH:LE2.26

We have had very unpleasant dealings with the bureaucrats in the office over this issue. We received a letter last year indicating that if we didn't pay approximately \$28000 to replace a grid on a public road, council would come and pull it out. No explanation, no warning, it was real coercion. After some heated phone calls to the staff in question it became apparent that it is all just another tick-a-box to keep someone in a job and protect someone's behind.

It was not until Councillor Goodluck became involved that elected Councillors were even aware of this letter and these demands being placed on private landholders for structures on Council Roads. He immediately showed some common sense so that a reasonable outcome was found. He agreed after visiting the grid and inspecting it, that it was sound, and suggested that I tidy up the one bent runner and the wings. I followed this advice and spent approximately 300 dollars. This brought the grid up to scratch, I sent photographs to Councillor Goodluck and have heard nothing since. It was quite ironic as it was council who bent the single runner in the first place by driving heavy machinery over it instead of using the gate immediately adjacent.

Let me point out that a railway iron constructed grid may not have a stamp or ticket attached but I can assure you they will outlast these RHS, engineered approved, galvanized ones governments are wanting us to use.

Grids are there for the road users convenience not for mine. The cattle will not care what type of barricade is in place.

I am more than happy to work with council on this issue and maintain the grids on public roads going through our land as I have always done, but will not be forced to pay for replacements when they are not practically needed. We get very little for the rates we pay as it is. We have always cleared the road of tree limbs and other debris after storms at no cost to council. I have used my dingo to fill in dangerous potholes that form in the council road over time, also at no cost to council. Therefore I would like some respect from council in future dealings.

I would like to be consulted and involved in any future plans to charge private landholders for structures on public roads.

Regards [REDACTED].

GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL

19 OCT 2023

RECORDS RECEIVED

Gladstone Regional Council
P.O. Box 27
Gladstone, Qld. 4680

October 12, 2023

Dear Sir:

Please find the following submission regarding the new Gates and Grids Subordinate local law being proposed.

As there are five grids on our our two adjoining properties, namely [redacted] and [redacted] that we have been responsible to maintain for 60 years, our submission is that we obtain a permit from Council to remain with full responsibility for the five grids;

The grids purpose is to keep cattle separated in their respective paddocks. We realize the importance of keeping gates secure, grid posts and sides repaired, and all growth under grids under control. We do feel that can be better handled by us.

Sincerely,

Dear Gladstone Regional Council,

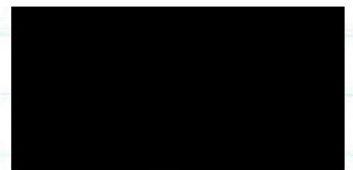
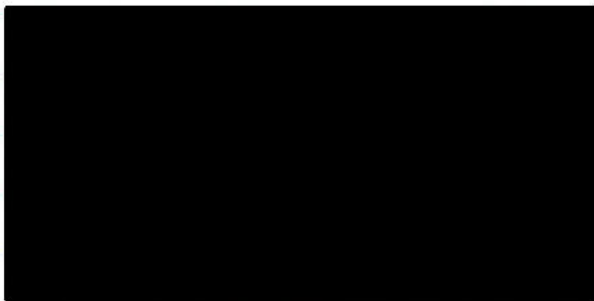
Please find the following submission regarding the new Gates and Grids Subordinate Local Law being proposed.

As we have only one grid which is situated on Rowanlea Road, we would like to continue maintaining, insuring, repairing and replacing when necessary.

It is in our best interest to keep it stock proof and traffic-friendly. We would like a permit from council so it remains our responsibility for years to come.

It is imperative we keep cattle separated and have to clean under grids so cattle don't walk over them. We feel this maintenance is better handled by us.

Sincerely



[REDACTED]
Howmead
22nd Oct, 23. 4676

Mrs Vicky Hankinson,

In reference to the Subordinate
Local Law on Gates & Grids. I wish to
maintain the responsibility of managing
the Gates & Grids on the maintained road

[REDACTED] Howmead.

I don't have access to Council's
website so I would like a copy of the
proposed subordinate local law
posted to me.

Gates & Grids are very necessary
structures between paddocks to
control the live-stock to their
respected enclosures.

yours truly
[REDACTED]

Ph: [REDACTED]

From: "Info (Mailbox)" <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tue, 24 Oct 2023 10:22:28 +1000
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Gates and Grids Subordinate Local Law 2023

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 October 2023 10:21 AM
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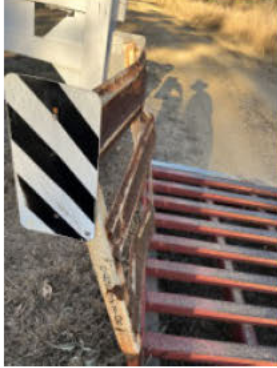
Dear Sir/Madam,

For your awareness, there are numerous Grids within the road network that are damaged/maintenance is required and Landholders are concerned that as soon as the responsibility for them is signed over to the Landholder that GRC will request that they are fixed. All Grids current damages/maintenance should be either rectified by GRC prior to handover to the Landholder on 1 January 2014 or an undertaken given to make them safe and structurally sound within a reasonable timeline afterwards. GRC would have photographic evidence of the damages from their Grid inspections.

For example; since Council resumed ownership of Grids in 2020 the Grid at [REDACTED] Randles Road has been damaged by GRC Road Maintenance activities and has not been fixed by GRC. Such as:

1. The side wing has been bent by the Road Maintenance Grader backing into it. (Refer Picture attached)
2. The Grid pit has been filled with dirt from the Grader pushing dirt into it when Grading the road.

All Grids within the region should be cleaned out by GRC prior to the commencement of the Subordinate Laws.



Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: "Info (Mailbox)" <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
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Subject: FW: Gates and grids subordinates local law 2023

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Subject: Gates and grids subordinates local law 2023

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Dear Tanya,

It would like to make a submission on the proposed subordinate local law referring to gates and grids as follows-

I do believe that grids and gates are an absolute necessity and should be regarded as any Council infrastructure.

We allowed Council to survey a road through our property with existing infrastructure.

The initial survey would have cost too much to construct and maintain. Most of the existing grids were put in years ago.

A few observations;-

1. Roads with high volume traffic should be regarded differently concerning grids to those with very low volume traffic. In particular the standard of the bypass road.

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2. Landowners adopting option(1) should be able to select a grid of their choice that meets the standards required .

3. If a grid is condemned the landowner be advised of the reasons not just that it doesn't meet standards.

4. The landowners can then decide to repair or replace.

5. Landowners have the option to replace the grid at a fraction the Council would charge.

6. As no cost has been quoted in option 1 we assume there to be none (except for replacement) because you recognise it as part of your infrastructure

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make these submissions.

Yours faithfully

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

26.10.23

To whom it may concern.

RE: Gates and Grids Policy

We are writing to express our opinion regarding the gates and grids policy.

To provide a context, in approximately 2018 we were asked to take ownership of the grid along Laurenkar Road, Calliope. It was in poor condition as a tree branch had damaged it in previous years. Grid Number [REDACTED]

At that time we refurbished cleaned and reinstated the grid to above council standard at our own expense. We were not able to find Public Liability cover that was affordable. I attended the community forum around that time and voted against landholders being responsible for public liability of the grids on a public road.

We currently still maintain the [REDACTED] grid and have been happy to continue this process. We also purchased a property in May 2022. [REDACTED] Tablelands Road, Diglum. The grid that is located on Tablelands Road which is meant to be a boundary marker between [REDACTED] and us is in total disrepair and in fact in the wrong place. We have been asking for assistance regarding this since we have bought in that area. Kahn Goodluck has been talking to me about it.

Tourists and Cattle trucks continually hit the grid often leaving the metal frame protruding into the flow of traffic. The grid is located at the bottom of a washed out section of steep road on a tight corner. We approached Kahn to see what was required to relocate this grid to a safe spot. We would like to propose to move the grid. We have suitable equipment and access to traffic control. This would be at our own expense. We are happy for council to inspect the grid to determine if it is to the standard proposed by council.

We do not agree with paying public liability on the grid on a public road. This is a tourist drive and we have no control over who drives on this road in either wet or dry conditions.

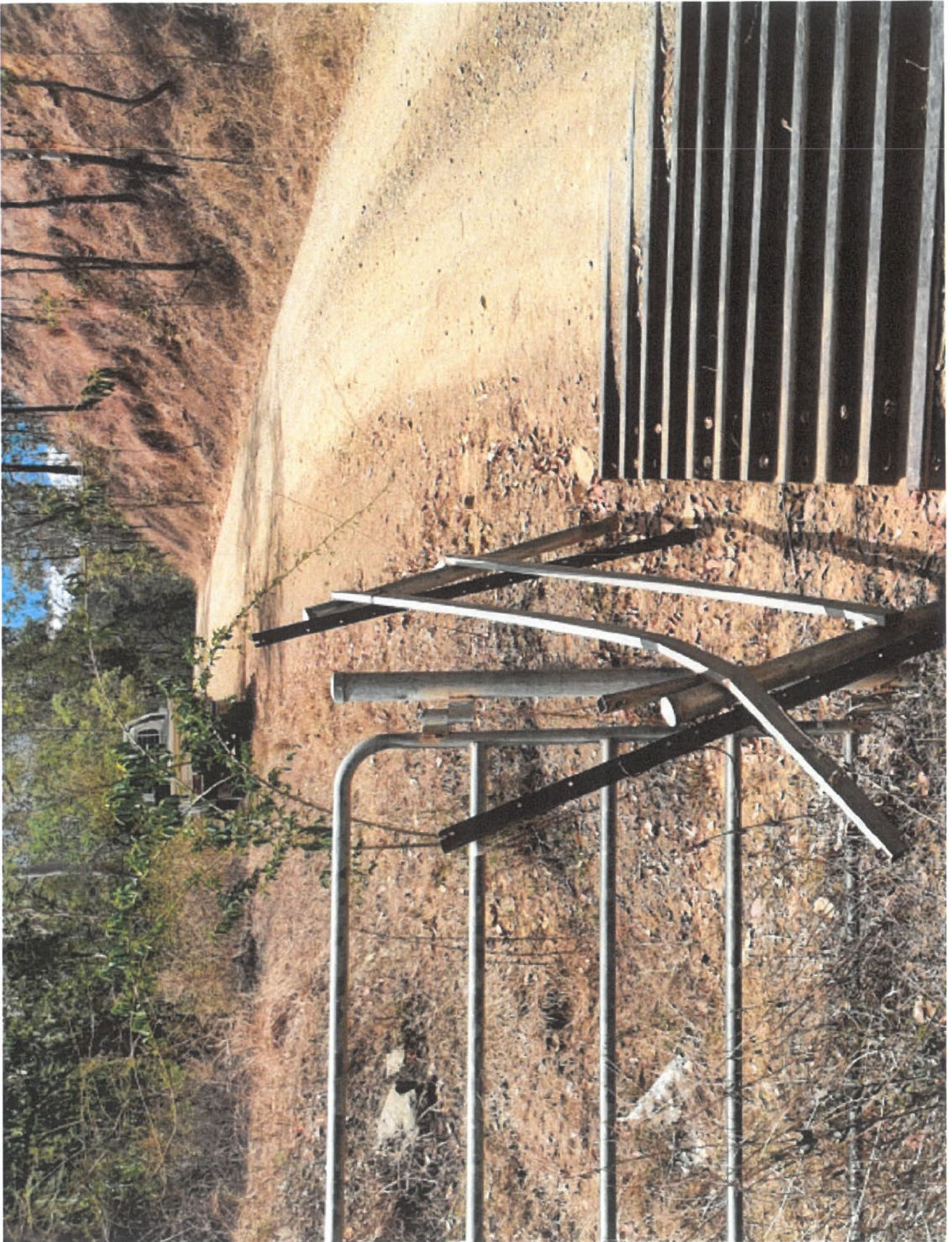
We do not agree to the removal of the grid as our property is unfenced along Tablelands Road. Putting a boundary fence in along here would be almost impossible due to the steep banks and would be a considerable cost and there is no access to water for the livestock if fenced off.

In summary we would like to see the option for landholders to maintain any grids on their property. Council could inspect these and advise when needing repair. Council would have to provide the standard to which they require the grids to be maintained to. We do not agree with paying public liability for a grid on a public road.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]





From: [Info \(Mailbox\)](#)
To: albinia1@bigpond.com
Subject: FW: Gates & Grids Subordinate Local Law 2023
Date: Tuesday, 31 October 2023 2:10:02 PM

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Amanda McMaster

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Gates & Grids Subordinate Local Law 2023

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

We purchased the property [REDACTED] Tableland Road, Diglum/Calliope on 11th August 2022. Over the weekend (28th October 2023) we found a grid removal sign attached to an internal grid. We have had no correspondence from Council about this issue, even though Council has our details – our rates notices are mailed to our residential address [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We have since discovered from a neighbour that there are current discussions about all grids on Tableland Road, and even greater, Gladstone Region. We were informed that in the correspondence the neighbour received it was stated that everyone with a vested interest in any of the gates or grids would be contacted to participate in the discussion. We have not been. We require the grid in question to remain in the Tableland Road, as the paddock includes the land on both sides of the Tableland Road. The cattle need the country and watering facilities on both sides of the Tableland Road. We recently removed the old fencing preparing to replace it. [REDACTED] has phoned the council on the number on the grid removal sign, and is waiting for a call back. So we thought we best send an email.

There is another grid at the end of our property that has come up in local discussion. It is the grid between ourselves and [REDACTED]. There are intentions to move this grid to a more suitable location – a few hundred metres further up the Tableland Road. We agree with this proposal as its current position is not suitable – as it is on the bottom of a gully on a sharp bend. We feel it is dangerous where it is and are aware of accidents at this grid, even since we have owned this

land.

Our position on the grids/gates issue is as follows. We believe that it is unreasonable to expect that the land owners be responsible for the gates and grids on public roads. We have no control over who uses this road and how they drive. We do know how busy this road gets with travellers heading up to the National Park. We do not believe that it should be our responsibility to have public liability for infrastructure on public land. We wish for the council to own and maintain the grids. We are prepared to clean the grids out to keep them stock proof and to let council know if the grids have been damaged and need repairing.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]

From: [Info \(Mailbox\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Boyne Valley Rural Fire Brigade concerns of grids in the Boyne Valley
Date: Tuesday, 31 October 2023 4:30:43 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, 31 October 2023 3:51 PM
To: Info (Mailbox) <info@gladstone.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Boyne Valley Rural Fire Brigade concerns of grids in the Boyne Valley

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Dear Tanya Walley
Manager Governance and Risk,

Re: Submission to gates and grids, subordinate local law.

The Boyne Valley Rural Fire Brigade, has got some concerns, regarding Council's preference, to not have have grids or gates on roads in the Gladstone region, as stated in 6.1. Background (Gladstone's Council's Gates and Grid Policy).

Fencing of road corridors and exclusions of live stock, creates a large, potentially dangerous fuel load, along the corridor and increases the fire temperature and ferocity. his will also affect trees in the corridor, which are more likely to catch on fire and might then fall across the road.

In our brigade's area, most of the fires we recently attended along the Gladstone-Monto Road and the old rail corridor, both of which are prime examples of negative affects of livestock exclusion. We have experienced that even after extensive hazardous reduction burns, the fuel load can be at a dangerous level, as soon as the next fire season. This is particularly due to the growth rate of the mostly introduced grass species.

Due to control burns along road corridors, requiring permits to be obtained from all parties involved, this can sometimes involve numerous departments eg. Council, TMR, Dept. of Natural Resources and organisations like BBIRT,. This creates a situation, where it is often not achievable, to do hazardous control burns, because we only have a small window where it is safe to burn. Keeping cattle on these corridors, naturally reduces the fuel, therefore hopefully reducing the number of fires in the Boyne Valley.

Getting consent to burn road corridors, from adjoining landowners, to create fire breaks, that are required to confine a hazardous burn along public roads, is often difficult. The requirements of having Traffic Control, make it all the more difficult to organise, these control burns in a timely manner. This is sometimes a small window, due to weather conditions.

Another factor to consider, is that in a fire situation, the fire trucks have to get through the corridor fences and very often, due to lack of gates, we have to cut the fences, therefore creating a time delay to fight the fire and causing stock to stray onto the road network.

In view of the above reasons, the Boyne Valley Rural Fire Brigade, is not in favour of the option, of more fenced road corridors. Hoping you take into consideration our concerns.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature line]

[Redacted signature line]

[Redacted signature line]