

SHIRE OF CAMPASPE

LIVESTOCK CODE OF PRACTICE

1. PREAMBLE

Council is committed to public safety, the protection of roads and the conservation of roadside environments.

It has developed this Code of Practice to ensure that all persons who are responsible for livestock understand the minimum acceptable standards under which they operate.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Code of Practice is to:

- (1) Ensure the safety of the public, farmers and stock on Council controlled roads.
- (2) Prevent damage to the road structure and its environs.
- (3) Promote the conservation of flora and fauna on roadside land.

3. RELATIONSHIP WITH GENERAL LOCAL LAW NO. 8 2015

This Code of Practice has been incorporated by reference into the Councils General Local Law No. 8 2015.

Clause 52(1) of that Local Law provides that; "the Livestock Code of Practice is complied with".

The Code referred to in that clause is this Code of Practice.

4. PERMITS

The permit holder shall take out insurance, and maintain the insurance cover during the currency of the permit. The insurance cover must be in the name of the permit holder. The insurance policy cover must value \$10,000,000 or more against liability for possible personal injury, whether at Common Law or by virtue of any statute or for liability for property damage which may arise or could be held to arise from any act allowed by the permit.

(1) LIVESTOCK DROVING PERMITS

The route followed shall be as specified on the permit unless varied by a direction from the Authorised Officer.

Livestock shall travel a daily distance as directed by Council towards their destination.

For the following classes of livestock the minimum daily distance of travel shall be:

Cattle	12 km
Sheep	8 km

Livestock shall only be driven in between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

Livestock are to be accompanied by two or more adults while on any road. They must be competent in handling the livestock. Those persons shall supervise the livestock to ensure compliance with this Code of Practice.

Livestock must be in suitable health and fitness to be driven. A certificate from a registered veterinarian declaring the stock condition are suitable may be required to be presented.

When required by an Authorised Officer the permit holder shall provide extra persons to take charge of the animals.

The permit holder shall provide and maintain livestock warning signs pursuant to any guidelines prepared by Council from time to time.

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Livestock can only be camped overnight in areas approved by the Authorised Officer.

Livestock camped overnight shall not be permitted on the carriageway of a road and shall be enclosed by a substantial and secure barrier to the requirement of the Authorised Officer.

The person in charge of the livestock must comply with any requirement or direction from an Authorised Officer with regard to the protection of the road, the road reserve, roadside vegetation, any construction on the road or any private property.

Maximum numbers of animals for which a livestock droving permit will be issued:

Cows, heifers, steers, calves, bullocks	400
Sheep	2000
as determined by the Authorised Officer other livestock.	

Notwithstanding the above clause lesser numbers may be specified by Council for any particular permit.

Dead animals shall be immediately disposed of through a licensed knackery or if approved by an Authorised Officer, buried by the roadside.

The issue of a permit shall be subject to a fee as determined by Council.

Permit conditions may be altered or amended by Council or its Authorised Officer at any time or for any reason.

Permits shall expire on the date specified but if the livestock reach their destination prior to that date then the permit shall expire on that day.

(2) **LIVESTOCK GRAZING PERMIT**

The grazing of livestock on roads shall only be permitted between sunrise and sunset.

Grazing on roadsides adjacent to a property owned by a person other than the permit holder shall require the written permission of that person.

Livestock grazing shall only be permitted on the roads stated on the permit.

No bull shall be permitted to graze on any road.

The owner of livestock or the person in charge of the livestock shall comply with any directions from the Authorised Officer with regard to the protection of the road, the road reserve, roadside vegetation, any construction on the road reserve or any private property.

Grazing animals shall be controlled by a temporary fence constructed and maintained to the requirements of Council. Council may require the fence to be electrified.

A grazing permit shall be issued for a period of 3 months or a lesser period if stated on the permit.

The permit holder shall provide, use and maintain livestock warning signs pursuant to any guidelines prepared by Council from time to time.

Maximum numbers of animals for which a livestock grazing permit will be issued shall be determined by Council.

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Council may require a person to be present with the cattle while being grazed on some roads to mitigate against risk to road users.

(3) **PERMANENT LIVESTOCK CROSSINGS**

The following conditions shall apply to all approvals for permanent livestock crossings unless expressly excluded amended or varied in the approval. The approval holder shall:

(1) **Road Safety Act**

Ensure that the provisions of the Road Safety Act 1986 and all regulations made thereunder are complied with at all times.

(2) **Road Management Act**

Ensure that the provisions of the Road Management Act 2004 and all regulations made thereunder are complied with at all times.

(3) **Responsible Person**

Ensure a minimum of one responsible person shall be in attendance to supervise the crossing at all operative times.

(4) **Traffic Delay**

Ensure that there is no traffic delay that exceeds 5 minutes in any one crossing.

(5) **Damage to Roadway, Road Reserve and Native Flora**

Ensure there is no damage caused to:

- (a) the roadway;
- (b) any native flora;
- (c) the road reserve;

Council shall set such conditions in the approval as it considers appropriate to avoid such damage.

(6) **Roadside Drainage**

- (a) Ensure that all roadside drainage existing at the time of granting any approval is maintained in the same state of working order and is not damaged or affected by the crossing of livestock.
- (b) Comply with any direction from Council to repair, replace, renew or maintain any roadside drainage works affected by the crossing of livestock with such work to be completed at the approval holder's cost.
- (c) Comply with any direction from Council for roadside drainage works to be completed prior to the issue of any approval.

(7) **Traffic Warning Devices**

- (a) Ensure that all signs, poles and other warning devices required by the Local Law, this code of Practice or any other legislation are properly installed and maintained.
- (b) Any illegal or incorrect signage may be removed by Council at the cost of the approval holder.
- (c) Ensure all signs, poles and other warning devices shall be removed by the approval holder at the expiration of the approval or as required by legislation.

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(8) Laneway Gates and Holding Yards

- (a) Ensure that any holding yards are at least 30 metres from the nearest road reserve boundary where practicable.
- (b) Ensure gateways are constructed to a width as specified by Council.

(9) Mud on Roads

- (a) Ensure the surface of laneways and holding yards are maintained to minimise the deposit of mud and manure on the road.
- (b) Ensure that any mud, waste, injurious material or substances are removed from the surface of the road after stock have crossed.

The Shire of Campaspe Livestock Code of Practice was adopted by Council on 20 October 2015.

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