



*Our Vision*

Nambucca Valley ~ Living at its best

*Our Mission Statement*

‘The Nambucca Valley will value and protect its natural environment, maintain its assets and infrastructure and develop opportunities for its people.’

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**1.0 Policy objective**

- 1.1 The safe and unimpeded access along a road is reduced by the presence of public gates and motor bypass. To improve the situation Council will not allow new ones to be constructed and installed and requires that existing ones are upgraded and thereafter remain maintained and insured by the landowner.

**2.0 Related legislation**

Roads Act 1993, Division 2 Public Gates, Clauses 128 to 137

**3.0 Definitions**

Motor Bypass – A combination of a gate and a grid in lieu of roadside fencing.

**4.0 Policy statement**

- 4.1 No new public gates or grids will be permitted to be erected on public roads controlled by Council.
- 4.2 Existing ramps as identified in the register (August 2008) may only remain in place if they are maintained to an acceptable level by the landowner. The acceptable standard being:
- a) Ramp strengthened to carry a T44 traffic loading or if not feasible then wherever possible a by-pass gate must be installed and maintained to an acceptable level for heavy vehicle and stock access around the ramp
  - b) Erection and maintenance of sign posting in accordance with Australian Standards
  - c) Clear width of 3.6 metres

## ROADS – GENERAL ERECTION OF PUBLIC GATES AND MOTOR BYPASS (GRIDS)

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- d) Steel construction is preferred.
- e) No damage evident to grid rails
- f) Regularly cleared and free of silt
- g) Ramp must comply with the Roads Act 1993 – Public Gates
  - Notice on gate 75 mm high saying “**PUBLIC GATE**” and the allocated registration number.

4.3 Clause 130 of the Roads Act 1993 allows the Road Authority to revoke a public gate permit and the occupier of the land has one month from the date of the notice to comply.

### 5.0 History

5.1 Council permitted the erection of public gates up to the 17 July 2008. From that time no new public gates will be permitted.

5.2 Existing ramps can only remain in place if maintained to a safe standard. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in an instruction to remove the gate/ramp, restore the road and to install roadside fencing.

5.3 Council expects that existing ramps will have been upgraded by the 15 July 2009.

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