



# NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

## POLICY MANUAL

### FENCING RESERVES: CONTRIBUTION

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**Applicable Legislation:** *Boundary Fences Act 1908.*

**Objective** To clearly define Council’s position in relation to boundary fence contributions.

**Administration:** Corporate Services

**Review Cycle/Date:** Next review 2023.

#### CONTRIBUTION TO FENCING RESERVES

That Council make an ex–gratia contribution to the construction of boundary fences that abut Council owned or managed land.

The following conditions apply to this policy:

1. The Council own the land or have accepted responsibility for the management of the “reserve”. However, no contribution shall be made to “reserves” or land predominantly used by motor vehicles.
2. The initial fencing of land provided following subdivision shall be the total responsibility of the property owner.
3. The owner of the land is to obtain three (3) quotes from recognised fencing contractors. The rate of contribution by Council shall be:
  - ◆ 50% of the accepted quotation with a maximum contribution of between \$45 per metre (based on a 1.8m height fence constructed using “C” section posts 3 75mm x 50mm rails, overlapped 150mm palings and using galvanised nails) for a paling fence, or
  - ◆ Up to \$9.00 per metre for a post and wire fence.

Where the landowner constructs the fence, Council may pay for the cost of materials up to a maximum contribution of \$45.00 per metre subject to the height and type of fence.

4. The ex–gratia contribution shall be made after the work is completed to a standard and in a workmanship like manner satisfactory to the Manager, Infrastructure & Works. The replacement fence shall be the standard of fencing predominant in the area. Any higher standard shall be the sole responsibility of the person making the request.
5. The total limit of payments in one financial year shall be as allowed in the budget allowance for that year.
6. The ex–gratia payment will be on a “first in–first served” basis and must be by written agreement prior to any work starting.
7. The policy shall not be retrospective.
8. Any special case which does not comply with this policy may be raised with the Council for decision on a case by case basis.
9. Residents shall be advised of this policy on a regular basis.