

CATTLE UNDERPASSES POLICY

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Applicable to:	Built Environment Business Unit
Responsible Officer:	Manager Built Environment
Related Policies:	Nil
Related Documents:	Initial Enquiry Letter Information Sheet Standard copy of Agreement pursuant to section 173 <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>
Statutory Reference:	<i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>

OVERVIEW

This policy is provided to ensure a uniform and acceptable standard of construction of cattle underpasses that allow for the daily movement of cattle beneath Wellington Shire Council (local) roads, and it establishes responsibility for the on-going maintenance of the facility. This policy applies only to those roads listed in Wellington Shire Council's Register of Public Roads.

THE POLICY

Wellington Shire Council supports the construction of cattle underpasses as a means of improving road safety and minimising damage to local roads and verges resulting from the regular movement of cattle across roadways.

Guidelines are available to the public and staff to give effect to this policy. The responsibility to ensure that the implementation and maintenance of the guidelines accords with this policy is vested in the Manager Built Environment.

The property owner(s) seeking to construct the underpass will be responsible for all costs associated with the approval process and construction of the structure including reinstatement of the road pavement, asphalt surfacing (seal), guard rail, signage and line marking. The property owner(s) will be responsible for the on-going maintenance and repair of the underpass including pumps and other infrastructure excluding for the road pavement and seal, guard rail, signage and any line marking.

The property owner(s) prior to gaining approval for the underpass will be required to enter into an agreement pursuant to section 173 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* setting out these responsibilities. Property owner(s) will be required to pay a fee in accordance with Development Planning Fees as advertised on the Wellington Shire website for the relevant financial year, Fees collected cover the cost of preparation and review of the agreement.

The location and design must comply with relevant VicRoads standards and structure widths for the particular road being crossed and approval from Wellington Shire must be obtained prior to commencement of work.

All cattle underpasses must be designed by a Registered Professional Engineer and have a concrete floor and provision for drainage. No responsibility for inconvenience, damage and/or stock loss owing to flooding, except in the case where such damage or loss is a direct result of negligence on behalf of Council, its employees or contractors will be considered.

REVISION HISTORY

VERSION	DATE	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
1.0	December 2022	Updated Responsible Officer title.
1.1	December 2023	Date of Next Review updated to December 2024. Minor formatting changes. Applicable business unit changed to Built Environment. Minor adjustments throughout policy for clarity.
1.2	December 2024	Date of Next Review updated to December 2025.
1.3	December 2025	Date of Next Review updated to December 2026.