



Roadside Grazing Temporary Fencing Standard

Clause 38.1 of the Traffic Safety and Road Use Bylaw 2022 provides for temporary roadside grazing by sheep, steers, heifers and cows, subject to meeting certain conditions. Condition (c) states that all areas being grazed must be enclosed by a temporary electric fence, with the fence constructed and sited in accordance with the Council's 'Roadside Grazing Temporary Fencing Standard.' This Appendix sets out this standard.

1 Fencing Materials

- 1.1 All fencing materials must be designed so that they are clearly visible to Road users and will cause minimum risk of harm if a Vehicle comes into contact with them.
- 1.2 The following materials are considered acceptable materials for use:
 - (a) fencing wires: polywire, polytape or similar product
 - (b) fencing uprights: pigtail standards.
- 1.3 The following materials are not acceptable materials for use:
 - (a) metal waratahs;
 - (b) barbed wire; and
 - (c) timber posts.

2 Electric Fences

- 2.1 The electric fence must be identified by signs which are either attached to the fence wire or fastened to uprights at suitable intervals.
- 2.2 The signs must be in the form measuring not less than 200mm x 100mm and with the inscription "Electric Fence" on both sides. The lettering must be in block letters of not less than 25mm high.
- 2.3 Electric fence controllers must bear a relevant NZ Standard Specification mark or sign.
- 2.4 The electric fence must be able to be easily disconnected at the Road reserve from the electrical supply in the event of an accident.
- 2.5 The electric fence must be able to be turned off during the Hours of Darkness.

- 2.6 Electric fences and controllers must be installed so that they are not liable to come into contact with any power or telephone apparatus, overhead lines, radio aerials, or earth wires.
- 2.7 The fence installer should ensure that they are clear of underground cabling or pipe work and shall be responsible for any damage to underground telecommunications, gas, or power cables.
- 2.8 Care must be taken to ensure that electric fence wires do not flick up into overhead power lines while being erected.

3 Siting of the Fence

- 3.1 The temporary electric fence must be placed at not less than 1.5 metres clear of the edge of the carriageway, and be clear of edge marker posts, culvert markers, Road signs, culvert inlets and outlets, utility services. If such siting is not feasible for whatever reason, the temporary electric fence may be placed at such a position as directed or permitted by an Authorised Officer in writing.

4 Conditions of Use

- 4.1 Clause 37.1 of the Traffic Safety and Road Use Bylaw 2022 sets out the conditions that must be met for roadside grazing by sheep, steers, heifers and cows to be permitted under this Bylaw.