



Central Coast Council

Boundary Fence Contribution Policy

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PURPOSE

This Policy outlines the Council's position in relation to requests it may receive from time to time in relation to assistance with the erection, repair or replacement of boundary fences between Council owned property and private land.

SCOPE

The Council will contribute financially to the cost of erection, repair or replacement of shared boundary fences between Council property and private property in accordance with the following table:

Where a private property abuts:	Council contribution will be considered if requested:	Compliance
A road reserve	No	s.7 <i>Boundary Fences Act 1908</i>
A public reserve	No	s.6 & s.7 <i>Boundary Fences Act 1908</i>
A public car park	Yes	
A developed Council property (ie Recreation Centres)	Yes	
Sports fields	Subject to demonstrated need	

Note: Council may choose to contribute to fencing outside what is defined above if it is of the view it is in the best interest of Council to do so. Examples when this might occur include security, public safety, amenity and operational efficiency.

STANDARDS (INCLUDING RELEVANT LEGISLATION)

This Policy was developed in accordance with the provisions of the:

- . *Local Government Act 1993*
- . *Boundary Fences Act 1908*

POLICY STATEMENT

Any fencing contribution will be subject to the following conditions:

1. The maximum contribution will be 50 per cent of the cost of materials plus 50 per cent of the labour component of a 'standard' fence.

2. The contribution will only be payable where Council's written agreement has been obtained prior to any construction or repair work being undertaken.
3. The following conditions form part of this Policy:

(i) Applications

Applications for a Council contribution must be made in writing and fully detail the type of fence proposed. The application is to be accompanied by quotations for the materials and labour costs involved. Where a landowner is proposing to supply the labour, the estimated value of the labour is to be included.

(ii) 'Standard' Fence

Where a Council property adjoins:

- (a) residential property, a 'standard' fence will be of solid face construction, consistent with other fences in the immediate area:
- (b) commercial or industrial property, a 'standard' fence will be of wire mesh, chain link or solid face construction,
- (c) rural or undeveloped land, a 'standard' fence will be of five-wire and timber post construction,

All fences are to be made of sturdy durable materials and are to be erected in a tradesman like manner.

- (iii) Where a landowner proposes a fence which, in the Council's opinion, exceeds a 'standard' fence, the contribution payable by the Council will be limited to no more than that which would have been payable by Council for a 'standard' fence.
- (iv) There will be no contribution by Council in respect of retaining walls or any structure intended by the landowner to extend the usefulness or enjoyment of private land.
- (v) Council's contribution to any fence will be payable on completion of construction. Before payment will be authorised the fence will be inspected by a Council officer to ensure it has been constructed to Council's satisfaction.

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