22 February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

Registration of Cattle Grids and Gates on Public Roads

Council is currently undertaking an audit of all cattle grids and gates on public roads within the Upper Hunter Shire Local Government Area (LGA).

Our records indicate that you are a rural landowner within the LGA. If you are responsible for the maintenance of a grid or gate, or you own a rural property that borders a grid or gate within a public road, you may be eligible to claim ownership of the grid or gate.

In accordance with Council Roads, Ramps, Public Gates and Grids Policy:

> *All grids and gates on public roads must be registered and a permit provided…The permit holder is responsible under the Roads Act NSW 1993 for maintenance of the grid and gate, the bypass road to the gate and 20 metres of road on each approach to a grid.*

Council is providing an opportunity for landowners to register existing grids and gates at no cost (waiving the application fee of $1,230 as per Council's Fees and Charges) up until **30 June 2023.**

We note that Council, as the local roads authority, has powers under the Roads Act 1993 to take action in respect of unauthorised or unsafe structures, including cattle grids and gates, within a public road reserve. In the event that a property owner does not register a grid or gate, Council may remove the structure, particularly if it is found to be unsafe or non-compliant. To proceed with the registration of a grid or gate, please complete the enclosed application form or the online form on our website. Upon receipt of your application, Council will undertake an inspection of the structure to ensure it is safe and structurally sound before issuing a registration permit. The registration permit will be issued subject to a condition that the structure is maintained by the permit holder.
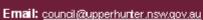
Completed forms can be returned via post to PO Box 208, Scone NSW 2337 or via email at council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au. For more information, please refer to the gates and grids page on our website (www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/gridsandgates).

Yours faithfully

Sam Wooden
Manager Works Delivery
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A GATE OR GRID

Applicant Details

First name: [   ]   Last name: [   ]

Property Address:

[   ]

Postal Address:

[   ]

Contact number: [   ]   Email address: [   ]

Grid/Gate Details

How many grids and/or gates are you claiming ownership of?

Grids: [   ]   Gates: [   ]

Please complete the following questions for each grid and/or gate you are claiming ownership of:

Grid/Gate 1

Is the structure a grid or a gate? (tick one)   Grid: [ ]   Gate: [ ]

Name of road on which the structure is located: _____

What is the name of the nearest crossroad? _____

What is the distance of the grid or gate from the nearest crossroad or intersection (km)? _____

Were you responsible for the installation of the grid or gate?   [ ] YES / [ ] NO

If yes, please provide details (year of installation, names of any contractors used etc)

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Grid/Gate 2

Is the structure a grid or a gate? (tick one)   Grid: ☐   Gate: ☐

Name of road on which the structure is located: _____

What is the name of the nearest crossroad?_____

What is the distance of the grid or gate from the nearest crossroad or intersection (km)? _____

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Were you responsible for the installation of the grid or gate? ☐ YES / ☐ NO

If yes, please provide details (year of installation, names of any contractors used etc)

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Grid/Gate 3

Is the structure a grid or a gate? (tick one)   Grid: ☐   Gate: ☐

Name of road on which the structure is located: _____

What is the name of the nearest crossroad?_____

What is the distance of the grid or gate from the nearest crossroad or intersection (km)? _____

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Were you responsible for the installation of the grid or gate? ☐ YES / ☐ NO

If yes, please provide details (year of installation, names of any contractors used etc)

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Grid/Gate 4

Is the structure a grid or a gate? (tick one)   Grid: ☐   Gate: ☐

Name of road on which the structure is located: _____

What is the name of the nearest crossroad?_____

What is the distance of the grid or gate from the nearest crossroad or intersection (km)? _____

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Were you responsible for the installation of the grid or gate? ☐ YES / ☐ NO

If yes, please provide details (year of installation, names of any contractors used etc)

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Grid/Gate 5

Is the structure a grid or a gate? (tick one)   Grid: ☐   Gate: ☐

Name of road on which the structure is located: _____

What is the name of the nearest crossroad?_____

What is the distance of the grid or gate from the nearest crossroad or intersection (km)? _____

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Were you responsible for the installation of the grid or gate? ☐ YES / ☐ NO

If yes, please provide details (year of installation, names of any contractors used etc)

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Grid/Gate 6

Is the structure a grid or a gate? (tick one)   Grid: ☐   Gate: ☐

Name of road on which the structure is located: _____

What is the name of the nearest crossroad?_____

What is the distance of the grid or gate from the nearest crossroad or intersection (km)? _____

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Were you responsible for the installation of the grid or gate? ☐ YES / ☐ NO

If yes, please provide details (year of installation, names of any contractors used etc)

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Additional information:

Signature

Date