



STOCK MOVEMENT POLICY

Council recognises that farming constitutes a significant sector of the Carterton district, and that it makes an important contribution to the region in social and economic terms. The purpose of this policy is to accommodate the changing environmental and road usage patterns, without placing unnecessary interference on farming operations that could affect farm viability.

Frequent crossings of roads by dairy herds causing damage to surfaces due to the aggressive action of animal excrement and the concentration of wear and tear on a narrow section of road, is a source of concern to the Council.

The most preferable means of shifting stock on a regular basis from one side of a road to the other is by way of a stock underpass. Existing crossings may be required to be upgraded. Options will be discussed with farmers based on their individual circumstances.

Farmers extending their operations and contemplating the purchase of neighbouring properties which may be separated from their existing farm by a road, another property, a water course or other form of division, or farmers negotiating to purchase farm properties which may already be separated in that way, should give serious consideration to the manner in which the operation is to be conducted and plan to reduce the use of public roads for the passage of stock.

The Purpose of the Carterton District Council Stock Movement Policy, is:

- To minimise the potential danger and damage that stock may cause to roads and road users.
- To provide guidelines which enable farmers to continue with their farming activity but will minimise damage to carriageways caused by animal excrement and mud etc carried on animals hooves, and will minimise inconvenience, nuisance, and potential danger to motorists and other road users.
- To inform property owners of their responsibilities and obligations.

Objectives:

- The safety of all road users
- The protection of the structure and surface of roads
- To encourage farmers to protect road surface from stock excrement and mud by some means.
- The prevention of roads being used as stock races on a regular basis.

- To encourage farmers to install underpasses where practical and possible, as a more preferable means of shifting stock from one side of the road to another on a regular basis.
- To encourage farmers extending their operations and contemplating the purchase of neighbouring properties which may be separated from their existing farm by a road, another property, a water course, or other form of division, to give serious consideration to the manner in which the operation is to be conducted, and plan to reduce the use of public roads for the passage of stock on a regular basis.

All farmers must consider the need to comply with Regional Council requirements regarding discharges for any wash down facilities.

All stock movements shall be in compliance with the conditions as set in the Carterton District Council Stock Movement Guidelines.

All stock crossings, stock droving, roadside grazing, shall comply with the Carterton District Council Stock Movement Guidelines.

Council assistance in the provisions of approved structures

1.1 Stock underpasses

Where a stock underpass is contemplated Council will provide the following assistance:

- (a) Public notification of road closure during construction and payment of such notification
- (b) Reinstatement of the road above the underpass, cost shall be borne by Council
- (c) Provision and erection of safety rails around the underpass on completion of the work

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the Carterton District Council Stock Movement Guidelines.

This Policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis.

Dated 18th September 2002.