



DIVIDING FENCES – PUBLIC LAND POLICY

POLICY NAME:	Strathfield Council Dividing Fences – Public Land Policy
PREVIOUS POLICY	Replaces policy dated 7 March 1995 Minute No: PK.22/95
COUNCIL ADOPTION:	16 June 1998. Amended 2 August 2006.
REF:	Minute No: 246/98. File 598/735. SMC20538
RELEVANT LEGISLATION:	Dividing Fences Act 1991 (NSW)
RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS:	Strathfield Council Consolidated Development Control Plan

OBJECTIVE

The objective of Strathfield Council Dividing Fences – Public Land Policy is:

- To ensure that all fences sharing common boundary with community land are coordinated to blend aesthetically with the parkland.
- To improve resistance to and ease of removal of graffiti vandalism.
- To ensure compliance with the Dividing Fences Act 1991.
- To strengthen the association between adjoining residents and their local park.

PRINCIPLES

Council adopted the following policy principles regarding dividing fences - public land:

1. That Council contribute towards the cost of fencing where fencing divides public land (excluding lanes, pathways and roads). Such contribution to represent 25% of the cost of renewal for fences dividing private property and community land, provided that work is carried out by Council contractors as below.
2. That dividing fences between private property and community land be constructed only in timber paling and lap/cap timber fencing of 1.8 metre height.
3. That pedestrian gates be permitted in dividing fences strictly at Council's discretion provided that such gates are no wider than one (1) metre and provided the full cost of the gate is met by the adjoining private property owners