



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

11th October 2005

**DSS1 APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC GATE AND GRID –
FIVE DAY CREEK ROAD, COMARA
FILE: 27 (297491) NJT**

SUMMARY:

Reporting on an application to erect a Public Gate and Grid on Five Day Creek Road, Comara.

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An application has been received from Mr Paul Lawrence to erect a Public Gate and Grid on Five Day Creek Road on the boundary of Lot 1 and Lot 12, DP752427, Comara.

The application was advertised and objections have been received from 3 people.

The objections relate to:

- Too many gates and grids on Five Day Creek Road (16 in 20kms) – Most properties are not fenced. Council at this stage is not forcing property owners to fence either side of road reserve.
- Existing grids are poorly constructed and maintained, leading to increase in maintenance costs, especially suspension due to poorly maintained grids. Minor repairs may be warranted on some grids.
- Difficulty in transporting stock.
- Majority of existing grids have been in place for many years.

The position of the gate and grid was inspected and found to be in a safe location, consistent with site distances that exist along the road.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental Implications*

There are no environmental implications from the following recommendation.

- *Social Implications*

The social implications from the following recommendation is that some property owners will feel inconvenienced.

- *Economic (Financial) Implications*

There are no financial implications as all costs will be borne by the applicant.

- *Policy or Statutory Implications*

This proposal has been advertised as required by the Roads Act and in accord with Council Policy.

Council's policy is in the process of being reviewed.

- *Director's Review*

There appears to be no justification for Council to deny this application in this rural area and Council is asked to adopt the Recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application to erect a Public Gate and Grid on Five Day Creek Road on the boundary of Lot 1 and Lot 12, DP752427, Comara, be approved.

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