

Policy Title: **Wandering Livestock**

Policy No: 274

Directorate: Engineering & Environmental Services

Responsible Officer: Manager – Environmental Services

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VERSION	MEETING APPROVED	MEETING DATE	HISTORY
1	Policy and Planning Meeting	01/06/2016	New Policy

Authorities: *Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011*
Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002
Biosecurity Act 2014 (from 1st July 2016)

INTRODUCTION:

Council is often the first point of contact by members of the public to report wandering livestock. The North Burnett Regional Council is able to respond to and act upon any incidents of wandering livestock made known to it under Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011, and/ or the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 and or the Biosecurity Act 2014 (from 1st July 2016). Wandering livestock may affect the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

OBJECTIVES:

The North Burnett Regional Council aims to establish an efficient and consistent approach to respond to incidents of wandering livestock. This policy will provide the steps to be followed by staff responding to wandering livestock complaints and processes for compliance measures. This policy does not cover domestic disputes of wandering livestock on private property as this is dealt with under the relevant legislation.

DEFINITIONS:

Wandering	The animal is not under the effective control of someone and the animal is in either a public place, or a private place without the consent of the occupier.
Livestock	Cattle, horses, goats, sheep, pigs, or any animal used for agricultural purposes.
Customer Service Request	A record of enquiry entered by Council staff via Council's record system.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Chief Executive Officer
 - General Manager Engineering and Environmental Services
 - Manager Environmental Services
 - Natural Resources Management Officer
 - Land Protection Officers
 - Administration Officer (Natural Resources)
1. A direction to investigate and 'manage' a wandering livestock situation may come in several forms;
 - a. Call Out/ Emergency Call Out; an incident occurring after hours that requires immediate attention to ensure that there is not a threat to life, e.g. livestock wandering on the road at night.
 - b. Notification from Customer Service / Administrative staff; when an incident of wandering livestock occurs requires urgent attention and must be dealt with as soon as possible due to the safety risk to the general public.
 2. Order of operational response – during normal operating hours contact will be made with the local Land Protection Officer or other authorised officer as per the Wandering Livestock Order of Call Out List (Doc ID 655024).
 3. After hours customers call 1300 696 272 and select the appropriate numbers to go to the On-Call Authorised Officer.
 4. Community compliance with the appropriately required standard of land and/or livestock management will be administered in a reasonable and transparent manner as per the Wandering Livestock – Administration Procedure (Doc ID 742024). This may involve;
 - a. The engagement of landholders;
 - b. Issuing of verbal warnings,
 - c. Letters,
 - d. Compliance notices,
 - e. Fines/charges and
 - f. The impounding of livestock.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DOC ID
North Burnett Regional Council – Local Law No 2. (Animal Management) 2011	Animal Management	
Work Health & Safety – Works Procedure	Animal Control regarding to livestock.	302184
Department of Transport and Main Roads – 450 form	Emergency Call Out 450 form	694423
Wandering Livestock Report Form	Report form filled in by LPO's or Authorised Officers	712974
Wandering Livestock Blanket Letter – Letter 1a	To be used when identification of ownership of livestock is unknown and repeated occurrences on a road/are.	720835
Wandering Livestock First Letter – 1b	First Letter identifies the location and dates of when livestock were sited on the roadside. This is also accompanied by a Factsheet on responsibilities of wandering livestock.	694437
Wandering Livestock Compliance Notice Letter No 2	Compliance Notice sent for Third offence in 12 months.	718666
Wandering Livestock Notice of Inspection Charges & Penalty Infringement Notice No 3	Compliance Notice sent for Fourth offence in 12 months.	438937
DRAFT Wandering Livestock Procedure for LPO's	Gives full details on how Wandering Livestock should be followed up for the correct outcome.	735887
DRAFT Wandering Livestock Procedure for Customer Service	Customer Service staff procedure to assist in steps to follow when responding to wandering livestock incidents	735338
DRAFT Wandering Livestock – Administration Procedure	Administrative procedure to provide reasonable and transparent processes to be followed in the administration of wandering livestock.	742024
Wandering Livestock Fact Sheet	Factsheet on the owner's responsibilities to ensure livestock don't wander.	441215
Wandering Livestock Order of Call Out List	Order of Call out for each area.	655024
Wandering Livestock Procedure Flow Chart	Flow chart showing procedures followed for wandering livestock	712422
Wandering Livestock Register	Register of all wandering livestock incidents which includes action taken	704745