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Dear

Grids on Public Roads

You may have received a letter from Council some time ago notifying the requirement for grids to be removed from public roads. That letter may be disregarded. Council will no longer require all grids to be removed.

It is, however, a requirement under the Roads Act for all grids and gates to be approved by the Roads Authority (i.e. Oberon Council). Therefore, Council needs to establish a register of all the grids and gates it is aware of on all council roads within its boundaries.

The grids on the attached sheet(s) appear to be located on or near your property.

Could you please complete and return the attached form(s) to advise if you are the owner (or part owner) of any of these grids. In some cases, grids may be jointly owned between two adjacent properties.

Where the ownership of each grid is confirmed, the owner will then be responsible for ensuring it is maintained to the required standard. This also is a requirement under the Roads Act. Council will then issue permits for those grids.

Council has adopted a policy on grids and gates. A copy of the standard to which grid/gate combinations must be constructed and maintained is attached.

Council intends to establish a system to regularly check the condition of grids on public roads, which will be carried out annually. This is important to ensure public safety, as well as for the legal protection for both council and the owner.

Where a grid is no longer required (e.g. where properties have been fully fenced) or where nobody accepts ownership and responsibility for maintenance of any particular grid, it will be removed.

Council also suggests that you may wish to consider completely removing the grid and fencing your property off from the road.

Yours Faithfully