Technical Note

TEMPORARY FARM FENCING

Temporary farm fencing is often required along the title boundary of open space reserves when adjacent land is yet to be developed and there is a need to protect landscape attributes. Temporary farm fencing should only be used as an interim treatment until such time as the adjacent land is developed and an ultimate fence treatment is installed.

As a minimum standard, temporary farm fencing (SDL.3.19) shall:

- Comprise 150mm diameter ACQ treated pine posts (Hazard Class 5) with a minimum height of 1.8 metres (total post length) at every corner, change of fence direction or at a maximum interval of 9.0 metres. These posts shall be sunk 600mm into the ground.
- Comprise 150mm diameter ACQ treated pine straining posts assembly (Hazard Class 5) at all corners and at 200 metres centres (maximum). Assembly posts shall have a minimum height of 2.15 metres (total post height) sunk 950mm into the ground. Assemblies shall comprise 125mm diameter timber rails held in position via 10mm diameter galvanised steel spikes 250mm in length.
- Comprise steel star pickets with a minimum height of 1.65 metres (total picket length) installed between the treated pine posts at a maximum interval of 3.0 metres. These steel star pickets shall be sunk 400mm into the ground and shall include high visibility safety caps.
- Comprise 5 strands of 2.5mm diameter hot dipped galvanised high tensile fencing wire spaced at 240mm spacings. All wires shall be connected to timber posts via 25mm X 2.64mm galvanised fencing staples and tied to star pickets.

Alternative fence types will be reviewed and accepted on a case by case basis.