



**WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL**

# **Livestock Droving and Grazing Guidelines**



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## West Wimmera Shire Livestock Droving and Grazing Guidelines

- That the person in charge of the livestock is at least 16 years of age, is competent in handling livestock, is present and supervises the livestock at all times and conducts the activity in a safe manner.
- That signs advising “Stock Ahead” or “Give Way to Stock Next [ ] km” are placed at least 300 metres in front of and behind the livestock and on each approaching road but no more than five kilometres from the livestock; and remain in place until the livestock are confined on the destination property but must be removed when the droving is completed. Signs must be in the style of those shown in Figure 1. They must be clean and in good condition. They must be upright and clear of any vegetation or other objects that may obscure them from approaching traffic.
- That all vehicles have roof/high mounted rotating flashing light (hazard lights are not suitable).
- That all vehicles have current registration.
- That livestock are not being moved through roadworks where Council works staff or contractors are undertaking any roadworks.
- The owner of the livestock has in place public liability insurance for the required amount covering risks likely to arise from moving livestock on roads.
- That appropriate precautions are taken to ensure livestock are not permitted to cause a risk to other road users or damage fences, roads, or flora.
- That the livestock are healthy and free from diseases and parasites and free from noxious weed seeds.
- Where the number of livestock exceeds 1,000 sheep (or 200 other animals) or the distance exceeds 10 kilometres or the route includes or passes over either the Western or Wimmera Highways, then at least two persons are required to be in attendance at all times.
- Where livestock are being moved within the municipal district on the Western Highway or the Wimmera Highway a minimum of two people must be in attendance, one in front and one behind the livestock, while they are on or crossing the road.

### Roadside grazing by livestock for fire hazard reduction

- The livestock are grazed no more than three kilometres from the property on which they are usually kept and are returned to that property on the same day;
- The livestock graze only between sunrise and sunset and in weather conditions where the visibility for road users is at least 300 metres;
- That the person in charge of the livestock is at least 16 years of age, is competent in handling livestock, is present and supervises the livestock at all times and conducts the activity in a safe manner.
- That signs advising “Stock Ahead” or “Give Way to Stock Next [ ] km” are placed at least 300 metres in front of and behind the livestock and on each approaching road but no more than

five kilometres from the livestock; and remain in place until the livestock are confined on the destination property, but must be removed when the grazing is completed. Signs must be in the style of those shown in Figure 1. They must be clean and in good condition. They must be upright and clear of any vegetation or other objects that may obscure them from approaching traffic.

- That all vehicles have roof/high mounted rotating flashing light (hazard lights are not suitable).
- That all vehicles have current registration.
- That livestock are not interfering with roadworks where Council works staff or contractors are undertaking any roadworks.
- The owner of the livestock has in place public liability insurance for the required amount covering risks likely to arise from grazing livestock on roads.
- That appropriate precautions are taken to ensure livestock are not permitted to cause a risk to other road users or damage fences, roads, or flora.
- That the livestock are healthy and free from diseases and parasites and free from noxious weed seeds.
- Where the number of livestock exceeds 1,000 sheep (or 200 other animals) at least two persons are required to be in attendance at all times.
- The grazing of livestock within the municipal district on the Western Highway or the Wimmera Highway is prohibited without written permission from council authorised officer.

Figure 1.

