



Grassy Eucalypt Woodlands Stewardship Program

Standards for Fencing

The Corangamite CMA requires that fences funded under this program are maintained to manage stock access indefinitely to the project area defined within the agreement. The following criteria needs to be met for approval of funding:

- Fences should be positioned to avoid or minimise disturbance of native vegetation and soil.
- Riparian land fenced for riparian management purposes should aim to be at least 20m wide (on average) from the top of the bank and must not be narrower than 10m in any one place.
- All fences should include gates as required, to ensure management access when needed.
- Barbed wire is not recommended due to the potential adverse impact on native animals. If it is absolutely necessary, barbed wire can only be used in the middle strands to minimize impacts on wildlife.
- Bottom wires should not be electrified to prevent adverse impacts on wildlife.
- Wooden posts are recommended, but steel post can be used also, with droppers in between.
- In flood-prone areas, stock fencing may need to be adapted. For more information visit: <https://www.water.vic.gov.au/waterways-and-catchments/riparian-land/riparian-land/technical-information-and-reports/flood-prone-fencing-guidelines>.

The following points are minimum standards for stock proof fencing only. Under some conditions, higher standards will be required to create a stock-proof fence.

Cattle

- Wire: Four strand plain wire with at least two electrified wires Or seven strand plain wire
- Posts: 1.8m treated pine or steel, no more than 8m apart, with droppers in between
- Strainers: 2.1m treated pine or large diameter steel posts
- Stays: 3m treated pine or steel

Sheep

- Wire: Six-line ring-lock wire Or seven strand plain wire constricting towards the ground
- Posts: 1.8m treated pine or steel, no more than 8m apart, with droppers in between

- Strainers: 2.1m treated pine or large diameter steel posts
- Stays: 3m treated pine or steel.

Rabbits

- In addition to the relevant details provided above:
 - 1050mm width, 40mm mesh diameter and 1.4mm wire diameter rabbit-proof netting
 - Rabbit-proof netting fixed so that it reaches at least 900mm above the ground
 - Netting buried (to 150mm depth) or laid down and secured with pegs, rocks or timber.

Health and Safety

You are responsible for ensuring all works required in implementing the management actions are conducted in a safe manner and comply with the lawful requirements of any Authority, and with all Acts, regulations and other laws which may be applicable.

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