



Waterway Protection Program 2016-2020

Standards for Fencing

The Corangamite CMA requires that fences funded under this program are maintained to exclude stock access indefinitely to the project area defined within the agreement.

The following criteria will need to be met for approval of funding:

- Riparian land fenced for riparian management purposes should aim to be at least 20 m wide on average from the top of the bank and must not be narrower than 10 m in any one place.
- Fences should be positioned to avoid or minimise disturbance of native vegetation and soil.
- All fences should include gates as required, to ensure management access when needed.
- Fencing must be maintained to provide stock exclusion indefinitely, unless prescribed in the funding contract for specific conditions only.
- 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 also be used, with droppers in between.
- In flood prone areas stock fencing may need to be adapted. For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/2VIN4mp>

The following 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.

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 that 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 to the Waterway Management Agreement.

Type of fencing	Max rate per meter
Standard seven wire	\$7.00
Standard electric + 4 wire	\$5.50
Standard flood fencing	\$7.00
Drop down (flood) fencing	\$7.50
Fencing in particularly challenging/ expensive terrain*	\$10.00

***Note** In the case of fencing, different rates have been established to recognize the additional costs associated with fencing in particular challenging/ expensive terrain (typically particularly steep or rocky country). The CMA Catchment Officer assigned to your project will be able to advise if your site qualifies for this additional rate.

Further Information

For further information on the waterway protection program, please call the **Corangamite CMA** on **1800 002 262**.