

# Guideline



## Use of Council Land for Agistment Purposes

### Introduction

Council controls large parcels of vacant land within the shire. To assist in managing these parcels of land, Council may consider issuing an Agistment Land Occupancy Permit to individuals, businesses and community organisations to graze livestock upon a parcel of land for a twelve-month period.

### Types of land available for agistment

Reserve or trust land is land owned by the State that has been set aside for public or community purposes under Queensland legislation with day-to-day management being the responsibility of Council. Freehold land is land owned by Council in freehold title. Both types of land may be available for agistment purposes.

Use of reserve land must be consistent with the gazetted purpose of the land as determined by the State. For example, if a parcel of land is gazetted for recreation purposes, it is unlikely that such land will be made available for agistment purposes. Use of freehold land is not restricted in the same way however the land must still be deemed by Council to be suitable for the purpose of agistment.

### Opportunities

Agistment Land Occupancy Permits are issued in accordance with the Council's *Use of Council Land for Agistment Purposes Policy* and this policy is available on Council's website. Council will publicly advertise opportunities through standard tendering and quotation processes on Council's website at [www.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au) and in local newspapers. Exceptions to these tendering processes may be considered where a landowner who adjoins a parcel of suitable land has experienced hardship such as that resulting from drought and/or fire.

Interested parties are encouraged to make a submission to Council in writing and should include the following:

- a) Description of the land; Lot on Plan description and street address. In some instances where only a portion of a greater land parcel is required, a map is useful to indicate the portion required.
- b) Intended land management method; for example, weed and pest management and installation of fencing, source of water for stock.
- c) Rental considerations
- d) If the enquirer is an adjoining property owner
- e) If the enquirer is a business
- f) Contact details of enquirer

### Enquiries

Initial telephone enquiries for the use of Council land for agistment purposes can be directed to Council's Development and Governance section.

Expression of Interest Forms are also available for completion on Council's website and can be lodged via email to:

[info@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@msc.qld.gov.au)

Expression of Interest forms can also be lodged in-person at any Council service centre or mailed addressed to:

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65 Rankin Street  
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