

# BushBroker<sup>®</sup>

## Standards for management - Fencing

Information sheet No. 12

BushBroker requires that if appropriate fencing does not exist around a site, it must be repaired or constructed within three months of the start of a BushBroker Landowner Agreement (Landowner Agreement). Please note that you may be required to seek approval from your local council prior to erecting a fence.

Under BushBroker the following minimum standards apply for fencing. The BushBroker Project Officer will discuss the various fencing options with you.

- Both new and existing fencing **must be maintained to the required standard in perpetuity** from the commencement of the Landowner Agreement.
- There is to be no removal or re-siting of fences around BushBroker sites without written approval from the BushBroker Project Officer.
- Fences should be positioned to avoid or minimise disturbance of native vegetation.
- Fences along waterways should be a minimum of 10m from the top edge of the bank.

- When fencing around scattered trees, the fence should protect an area twice the diameter of the drip line of the tree (i.e. twice as far as from the tree trunk to the drip line of the tree).
- All fences are to include a gate for management access where required.
- Barbed wire is not recommended for BushBroker sites due to the potential adverse impact on native animals. If it is absolutely necessary for stock management, barbed wire should only be used in the middle strands to minimise impacts on wildlife.
- Bottom wires of fences should not be electrified to prevent adverse impacts on wildlife.

### Flood fencing

- In flood prone areas stock fencing may need to be adapted, you should discuss fencing options with the BushBroker Project Officer.

<p><b>Beef cattle</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wire:</b> <u>Six</u> line ring-lock with <u>one</u> plain wire <b>or</b> a <u>four</u> strand plain wire with at least <u>two</u> electrified strands <b>or</b> <u>seven</u> strand plain wire.</li> <li>• <b>Posts:</b> 1.8m high treated pine or steel post, no more than 10m apart with two droppers in between.</li> <li>• <b>Strainers:</b> 2.1m high, 150mm wide, treated pine or railway iron/large diameter steel posts.</li> <li>• <b>Stays:</b> 3m treated pine.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: These are minimum standards only, under some conditions higher standards will be required to create a stock proof fence.</i></p>
<p><b>Dairy cattle</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wire:</b> <u>Six</u> line ring-lock with <u>one</u> plain wire <b>or</b> a <u>three</u> strand plain wire with at least <u>two</u> electrified strands <b>or</b> <u>seven</u> strand plain wire.</li> <li>• <b>Posts:</b> 1.8m high treated pine posts or steel posts, no more than 10m apart with two droppers in between.</li> <li>• <b>Strainers:</b> 2.1m high, 150mm wide, treated pine or railway iron/large diameter steel posts.</li> <li>• <b>Stays:</b> 3m treated pine.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: These are minimum standards only, under some conditions higher standards will be required to create a stock proof fence.</i></p>

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<p><b>Sheep</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Wire:</b> <u>Six</u> line ring-lock with <u>one</u> plain wire <b>or</b> a <u>five</u> strand plain wire with at least <u>two</u> electrified strands <b>or</b> <u>seven</u> strand plain wire.</li> <li>▪ <b>Posts:</b> 1.8m high treated pine or steel post, no more than 10m apart with two droppers in between.</li> <li>▪ <b>Strainers:</b> 2.1m high, 150mm wide, treated pine or railway iron/large diameter steel posts.</li> <li>▪ <b>Stays:</b> 3m treated pine.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: These are minimum standards only, under some conditions higher standards will be required to create a stock proof fence.</i></p>
<p><b>Kangaroos / Wallabies</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Build four 10m x 10m exclusion areas per hectare (i.e. 40 plots for a 10 hectare site) in areas with native shrubs/grasses.</li> <li>▪ Ring-lock or hinge-joint and corner steel posts for support. One plain wire above ring-lock/hinge-joint for support and extra height.</li> <li>▪ Support fence to withstand stock or native animal forces. Strain to tight using wire from corner posts to pegs/cut-off star posts driven into the ground.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rabbits</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1,050mm width; 40mm mesh diameter; and 1.4mm wire diameter rabbit-proof netting.</li> <li>▪ Support fence to withstand stock or native animals. Rabbit netting fixed so that it reaches at least 900mm above the ground.</li> <li>▪ Netting buried (to 150mm depth) or laid down and secured with pegs, rocks or timber.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: These are minimum standards only, under some conditions higher standards will be required to create a stock proof fence.</i></p>

## 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 to the Landowner Agreement.

To determine whether there are any underground pipes or cables on your property, you may wish to consider calling 1100 - "Dial before you dig". This is a free referral service from anywhere in Australia.

## Further information

For more information on fencing native vegetation refer to the Information Notes on the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) website ([www.dpi.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au)).

For further information on BushBroker, please contact the DSE Customer Service Centre on **136 186** or visit the DSE website at: [www.dse.vic.gov.au/nativevegetation](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/nativevegetation). All BushBroker Information Sheets are available on the website.

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