

BOUNDARY FENCES

What rules are there for boundary fencing?

The provision of fencing is dealt with in accordance with the *Boundary Fences Act 1908* and the *Boundary Fences Regulations 1998*.

These are available on the internet at: www.thelaw.tas.gov.au

Is Council approval required for my fence?

Council does not have any jurisdiction or responsibility in respect for fences unless the fence is to be greater than 2.1 metres in height, or if it is built of masonry or concrete and is more than 1.2 metres in height, then a building permit will be required to be obtained from Council.

Can Council provide advice regarding fencing issues?

The provision of boundary fences is a private civil matter between adjoining landowners and Council is unable to provide any further advice in respect to your rights and obligations for boundary fences and recommends that you obtain independent legal advice in this regard.

What do I do if I want to fence a boundary adjoining Council land?

If a person has a boundary adjoining Council land and is seeking a contribution from Council toward fencing the request **must** be put in writing detailing the type of fence proposed (including distance, materials etc) and the likely cost of the fence.

The request is to be addressed to the General Manager, Huon Valley Council, PO Box 210, Huonville 7109.

Doing the work and sending an account to Council without Council having any knowledge of the work will mean that the account is not paid. Council will not entertain any contribution for costs of boundary fencing unless a request is given to Council in writing as above.

It is important to note that Council is not liable to contribute to boundary fences along Council roads or public reserves.