

Stock Access Management Options

Capital Works

Management Tool	Suitable for...
Permanent fencing	<p>Most situations, particularly for heavier stock and flatter areas.</p> <p>Unlikely to be practicable for the majority of steep areas.</p> <p>Riparian planting is a consideration for areas that are permanently fenced. Weed control is one matter that will need to be considered in conjunction with this.</p>
Temporary fencing	<p>Most situations. Provides a cheaper alternative to permanent fencing, where the fence can be moved to where the stock are being grazed. Particularly useful for flood prone areas.</p>
Bridges and culverts	<p>Regular stock crossing points, particularly where the entry to the bridge or culvert is flat or gently sloping, as steeper access points have runoff and erosion issues.</p> <p>Talk to your local councils and engineers on what options best for you.</p>



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Other management tools suitable for sheep or for other stock if in conjunction with capital works

Management Tool	Farm Benefit
Providing troughs away from waterways	Provides water for stock without them having to access the waterways. There are significant animal health benefits to providing clean reliable reticulated water.
Providing shade away from waterways	Provides shade and cooling for stock without them having to access the waterways. Providing both shade and shelter have a positive impact on production and live weight gain.
Avoiding grazing paddocks with unfenced waterways during wet periods	Helps to avoid sediment and runoff caused by pugging.
Plant fodder crops away from waterways Or avoid paddocks with waterways when planting winter forage crops and leave generous grass buffer zones between the edge of the crop and waterway	Fodder crops for use in dry seasons, especially fodder trees, should be planted away from rather than along the edge of waterways. Use setbacks between the waterway edge and forage crops to avoid runoff in the wetter season. Always fence waterways off when strip grazing, graze parallel to and towards the waterway so the remaining crop and grass buffer acts as a filter strip.
Consider grazing management effects on water	When considering your grazing system, consider the effects on waterways, such as sediment, runoff, pugging, and erosion and look at managing your grazing system to minimise these effects.



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