

# EcoTender Demonstration 2007/08

## Standards for management - Fencing

Information Sheet No. 10

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA) require that certain minimum standards for use under the five-year EcoTender Management Agreements. Where required, landholders will need to commit to undertaking any proposed management actions in accordance with the identified minimum standard(s) below.

- All fencing constructed under EcoTender management agreements **must be maintained for a period of ten years** from the commencement of the agreement;
- All fences must conform to the standards provided or specifications and advice given by the EcoTender field officer;
- There is to be no removal or re-sighting of fences without approval from the EcoTender Field Officer;
- All fencing is to be maintained at a stock proof standard at all times;
- Along waterways, fences should be as far from the top edge of the bank as practicable, but must be a minimum of 10 m;
- When fencing around scattered trees, the fence should be placed a minimum of twice the radius of the tree canopy (radius is measured from the tree truck to the drip line of the tree);
- All fences are to include gates for management access where required; and
- Barbed wire is not recommended as native fauna may be adversely affected.

Where possible, fences should be sited so as to avoid or minimise the amount of native vegetation removal.

In the event that some native vegetation needs to be removed to erect a fence, landholders should contact their local government authority for information on any required permits before clearing commences.

Please consult your local EcoTender Field Officer if you have any queries.

### Flood fencing

Landholders with sites in flood prone areas, should discuss fencing options with the EcoTender Field Officer.

### Health and Safety

It is the responsibility of the landholder and any employees or contractors under their direction to ensure that all fencing works are conducted according to safe minimum standards and in accordance with relevant legal obligations.

### Further information

For further information on EcoTender please visit DSE website [www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au) or Corangamite CMA website [www.ccma.vic.gov.au](http://www.ccma.vic.gov.au) and search under "EcoTender".

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Livestock	Fencing Standard
Beef cattle	<p>Standard 6/70/30 or 7/90/30 ring-lock and plain wire <b>or</b> a <u>four</u> strand plain wire with at least two electrified strands <b>or</b> seven strand plain wire (Note: <i>Barbed wire is not recommended as native fauna may be adversely affected in some areas</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posts: 6' (1.8m) treated pine or steel at least 10 m apart with two droppers in between</li> <li>• Strainers: 7 or 8' (2.1m or 2.4m) at least (6-7") treated pine or railway iron/large diameter steel posts</li> <li>• Stays: 10' (3m) treated pine.</li> </ul>
Dairy cattle	<p>Standard 6/70/30 or 7/90/30 ring-lock and plain wire <b>or</b> a <u>three</u> strand plain wire with at least two electrified strands <b>or</b> seven strand plain wire (Note: <i>Barbed wire is not recommended as native fauna may be adversely affected in some areas</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posts: 6' (1.8m) treated pine or steel at least 10 m apart with two droppers in between</li> <li>• Strainers: 7 or 8' (2.1m or 2.4m) at least (6-7") treated pine or railway iron/large diameter steel posts</li> <li>• Stays: 10' (3m) treated pine.</li> </ul>
Sheep	<p>Standard 6/70/30 or 7/90/30 ring-lock and plain wire <b>or</b> a <u>five</u> strand plain wire with at least three electrified strands ensuring that the bottom wire is earthed or seven strand plain wire (Note: <i>Barbed wire is not recommended as native fauna may be adversely affected in some areas</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posts: 6' (1.8m) treated pine or steel at least 10 m apart with two droppers in between</li> <li>• Strainers: 7 or 8' (2.1m or 2.4m) at least (5-6") treated pine or railway iron/large diameter steel posts</li> <li>• Stays: 10' (3m) treated pine.</li> </ul>
Kangaroos / Wallabies	<p>10 x 10 metre exclusion areas (4 plots to the hectare) in areas with native shrubs/grasses.</p> <p>Ring-lock or hinge-joint and corner steel posts for support. One plain wire above ring-lock/hinge-joint for support and extra height.</p> <p>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.</p>
Rabbits	<p>105 mm width/4 cm mesh diameter/1.4 mm wire diameter rabbit-proof netting.</p> <p>Support fence to withstand stock or native animal forces. Rabbit netting fixed so that it reaches at least 900 mm above the ground.</p> <p>Netting buried (to 170 mm depth) or laid down and secured with pegs, rocks or timber.</p>



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