

# Northern Rivers Food Links – Local Government Resource Kit

## Food Security Policies

### Road side stalls template policy and supporting documents

This policy template was prepared to assist Northern Rivers Food Links Councils to develop a roadside stalls policy.

#### Objectives

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**\*\*\* Council** recognises the importance of providing support for food producers, community groups and families to sustain and diversify their income options.

Providing sales outlets along roadsides encourages :

- farm gate income through the sale of "home made" or "home grown" produce
- increased access to fresh food by the broader community
- food security through contributing to food access points for consumers
- recognition of food production localities in rural areas
- developing social capital and community engagement by building a relationship between growers and the community
- a unique tourism experiences within a destination

**\*\* Council** aims to facilitate the sale of food along public roads at the farm gate whilst maintaining the highest levels of public health, safety and convenience of persons using those roads.

#### Scope

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The roadside stalls policy applies to all roads under the management control of **\*\* Council** and is designed to identify the minimum requirements in relation to roadside stall placement and operation.

The key principle embodied in this policy is that roadside stalls should be initiated, designed, constructed and operated by local residents with support from Council.

## Definitions

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The following definitions are provided to assist in understanding the requirements of this policy.

*Built-up area* – has a public road that is lit by street lighting located at intervals of not more than 100 metres for a distance of not less than 500 metres.

*Roadside stall* – a place or temporary structure used for retail selling of agricultural produce or hand crafted goods (or both) established on the road reserve directly adjacent to private property or established on the private property where produce is grown or made.

## Related legislation, policies and procedures

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Attachment 1 Roadside stall self assessment checklist

Attachment 2 Roadside stall guidelines

Attachment 3 Roadside stall application form

Attachment 4 Roadside stall staff checklist

Attachment 5 Sale of goods at roadside stall – prohibited items

Attachment 6 Roadside stall resource list

**\*\* Council** Community Strategic Plan

**\*\* Council** Development Control Plan

**\*\* Council** Policies

**\*\* Council** Local Environmental Plan

Food Act 2003

Local Government Act 1993

Roads Act 1993

**Others?**

## Mandatory Inclusions:

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[Council to insert any specific details they require as a “must do / have”]

1. Council will determine through its Local Environmental Plan zonings which:
  - allow roadside stalls with approvals
  - prohibit roadside stalls.
2. Council will determine whether a roadside stall can be placed within a road reserve or on private property.
3. All proponents requesting to establish a roadside stall on the road reserve will have public liability cover of \$10,000,000 or be auspiced by an organisation with public liability cover of \$10,000,000
4. Roadside stalls above 8 square metres in size will require the submission of a development application.
5. Council reserves the right to remove any infrastructure within a road reserve deemed to present a safety or a maintenance problem.
6. Infrastructure must not interfere with overhead or underground services or restrict the movement of the public or motorists.
7. Council will determine appropriate fees, if applicable, to be submitted with applications for approval as noted in the Management Plan.

### **Policy Review**

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This policy will be reviewed annually following assessment of the outcomes from each roadside stall approved, to ensure the processes and sustainability outcomes are consistent with the policy objectives.