



Determination under Regulation 26(2) of the *Natural Resources Management (General) Regulations 2005*

I Scott Ashby, Chief Officer under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*, hereby determine under Regulation 26(2) of the *Natural Resources Management (General) Regulations 2005* that goats on land with the consent of the owner, must be secured or confined and permanently identified in the following circumstances:

- Where an authorised officer under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* has reason to believe that goats on land with the consent of the owner (farmed goats) are not being kept securely and are not remaining confined within the property boundary, the officer may serve a protection order under section 193 of the Act requiring the owner of the goats to take the following actions:
 - erect or modify and permanently maintain a goat enclosure fence in accordance with the attached fence specification (attachment 1)
 - mark all goats greater than 6 months of age or greater than 15 kg body weight with a permanent visible ear tag that conforms with the ear tag specification (attachment 2) that carries the owner's Property Identification Code (PIC) issued with registration under the *Livestock Act 1997*.

On pastoral lease land as defined under the *Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act 1989*, the policy of the Pastoral Board in relation to domesticated goats will take precedent over this determination.

Scott Ashby
CHIEF OFFICER

ATTACHMENT 1

Fence Specifications for the Keeping of Goats

The fence is to be constructed with steel box section strainer assemblies and steel intermediate posts, to ensure it would maintain its integrity in the event of a fire. The minimum standard of material to be 50mm galvanised water pipe for posts and strut rail and a maximum of 40mm galvanised water pipe for the brace. Anything comparable would be a suitable substitute for the posts and strut. The brace to be a similar round pipe to that specified to reduce the risk of animals climbing up the brace to escape. A comparable substitute may be used if the wire fence was on the inside of the fence. The use of concrete posts for the construction of box sections and as strainers would be acceptable, but the brace and struts for box sections would need to be similar to the specified pipe to reduce the risk of escape by the use of the brace as a ramp.

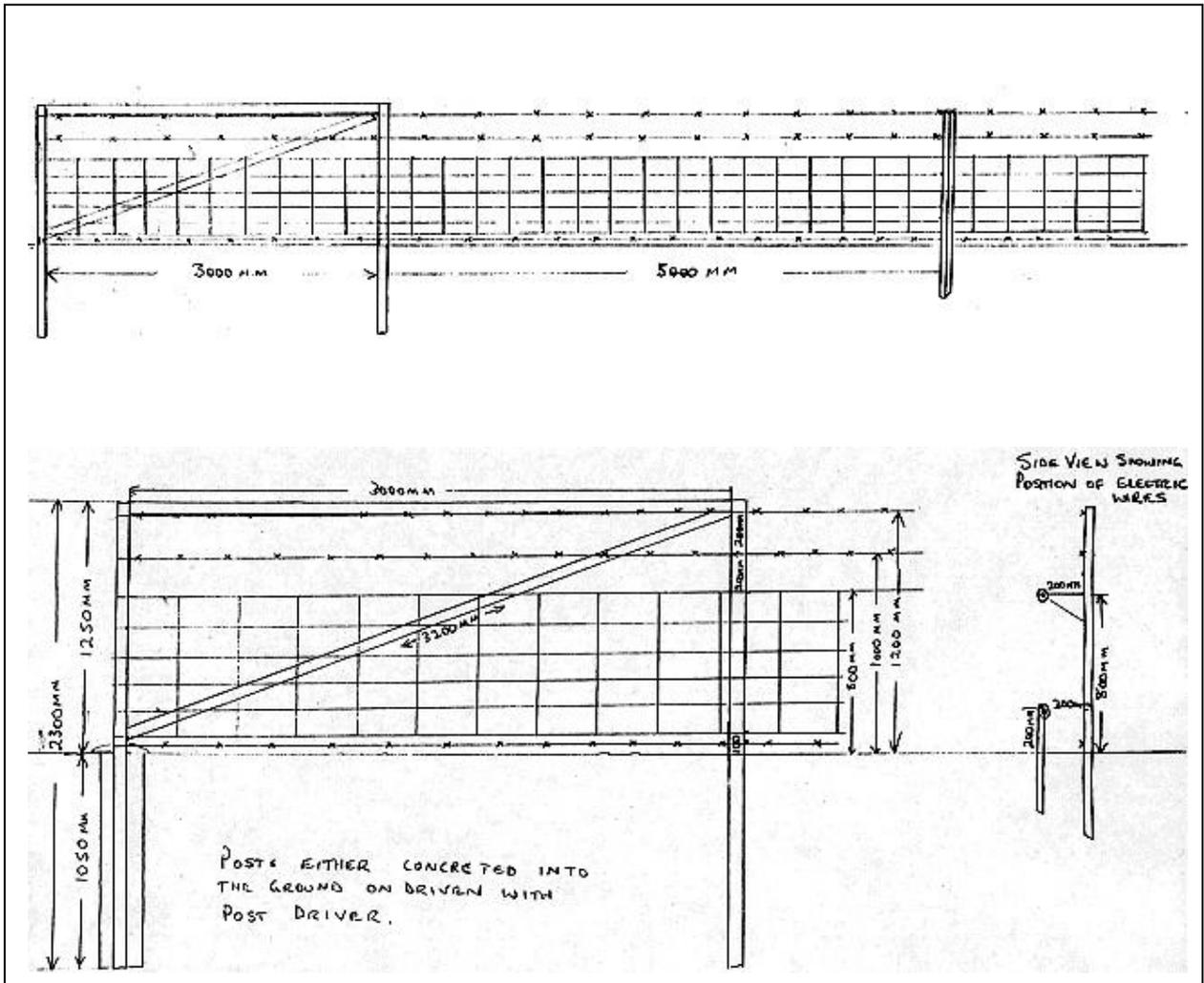
The wire fence would consist of:

- a barbed wire for top wire at 1200mm above ground
- a second barbed wire 200mm below the first barb
- 6/70/30 sheep and lamb prefabricated fence with the top wire 200mm below the second barb. This would make the bottom wire of the prefabricated fence 100mm from the ground
- A third barbed wire to be placed between the bottom wire of the prefabricated fence and the ground to reduce the gap to no more than 50mm
- To finish the fence, two electric wires of a plain high tensile wire are to be added, one strung through short star droppers at 20m intervals or less, depending on the lay of the land, to be positioned 200mm from ground level and 200mm from the face of the fence. The second wire on outriggers 800mm from ground level and 200mm out from the face of the fence. This will protect the top wire of the prefabricated fence
- The fence to be supported by star droppers 1650mm long at 5m intervals
- The addition of extra steel or similar intermediate post, fitting the above description, at intervals dictated by the lay of the land.

An alternative fence may be constructed using similar posts and strainers but using 8/90/30 prefabricated fence (this prefabricated fence is 900mm high compared to 700mm as above). A single top barbed wire at 1200mm above the ground with prefabricated fence at 1000mm above the ground is required. This would then need a barbed wire strung between the bottom wire of the prefabricated fence and the ground to reduce the gap at the base of the fence to no more than 50mm. The electric wires would then be placed as above for the bottom wire with the top wire being placed as above but at 1000mm to again protect the top of the prefabricated fence.

The property would need this level of fence to completely enclose the entire goat enterprise.

Figure 1. Details of fence specification



ATTACHMENT 2

Ear tag specification for goats

Ear tags must be an Allflex sheep flag type ***small female #12 /male button # 01*** (can be viewed at www.allflex.com.au) and carry the owner's Property Identification Code. Note: these tags are approved tags for goats under the National Livestock Identification Scheme.