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NOTICE TO ALL DERBY RESIDENTS, FENCING SUPPLIERS AND FENCING CONTRACTORS

Please take note of the manufacturers drawings, specifications and charts to ascertain what requirements are needed to construct any type of fence.

A fence (within a townsite) is classified as a building (definition of 'building' under the Local Government Act 1960). As for a building, before a fence is erected the owner or builder must first obtain a building licence from the local authority. This matter is one that has not been strictly enforced in the past by the Shire, however there have been a number of fences erected recently that do not conform with the manufacturers specifications in relation to the requirements for Region C, Terrain Category 2, wind loadings.

Owners, builders or even suppliers of fencing that does not conform with the manufacturers engineered specifications for this region could find themselves subject to a liability suit in the event of injury or damage caused by such an illegal structure.

In consideration of the above, it would be prudent that property owners and fencing contractors ensure that the proposed fence has the appropriate design specifications for where it is intended to be erected. Obtaining a building licence will ensure peace of mind with respect to the above.

Note : Some forms of fencing do not attract wind loadings like others (eg link mesh compared to Neatascreen). You may wish to consult a Shire Building Surveyor before seeking an engineer's certification on the fence.

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