

BOUNDARY FENCES - VICTORIA

In Victoria the boundary should be where the pailings meet the rails. This was also repeated in other forums.

In this 1998 review of the act the Committee apparently declined to precisely define the position of a pailing fence but suggested that the Master Fencer's Association should define the position on the boundary.

3.65 This Committee concurs in this conclusion, but believes that current industry practice should be formalised in some manner in order that the public might be better informed concerning these matters. The Master Fencers' Association may well be the appropriate industry body to promulgate and publicise such industry standards. The industry standards should be to the effect that:

Where a fence is constructed over a boundary, for the purposes of determining any encroachment or otherwise—

(a) All fences, except those with rails or framing on one side, should be positioned so that the boundary between owners falls at the median of the fence.

(b) Fences with rails or framing on one side should be positioned so that the boundary between owners falls at the point of intersection of the rails or framing and the materials appended to them.

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The Master Fencers' Association should be encouraged to publish and promote industry standards providing guidance to fence-builders on how various types of fences should be positioned relative to property boundaries.