

# PADDOCK 2



It is important to design your property with the right sized paddocks to suit your needs. This would depend on how long you intend on having the horses out on the pasture, what sort of rotation you want on your paddocks or whether you are grazing in a herd situation or individually. Ideally, paddocks should be designed to remove sharp corners, which can easily trap horses and cause injury and assists in an ease of manoeuvring vehicles through gates.

You can see the curved corners have been successfully implemented on this property.

To gain the most out of your land type the paddock should be covered by pastures at no less than 70% coverage, which can easily be enhanced through irrigation. This would allow horses to have more grazing time on the paddocks as irrigation helps to keep the pastures growing. This paddock has excellent pasture coverage and is currently reticulated.

Another consideration for paddock management is the creation of windbreaks through the planting of shelter belts of trees. Ideally you should have an understanding of the prevailing winds in your areas and plant thick belts of trees that would help to dissipate the intensity of the wind and has the added benefit of providing natural shade and shelter to the horses and helping our local wildlife by providing some habitat and connection across the landscape. It is important to have walkways located between the paddocks wide enough to easily fit a car and tractor down so that maintenance across the property can be carried out easily. It is also wise to have a wider walkway to help to put some distance between horses when you are moving them around the property.

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