

Line Fences Act

The **Line Fences Act** establishes the principle that, if a landowner wants a line fence to mark the boundary between his/her property and the property of an adjoining owner, the landowner is entitled to construct a fence on the boundary line. If, however, neither owner wants a line fence, no fence is necessary.

The basic purpose of the Act is to provide a local procedure for arbitrating a disagreement between two neighbouring property owners where one owner wants to construct, repair or maintain a fence on their common boundary but is unable to reach agreement with the other owner on:

- " the type of fence to be constructed
- " the sharing of the cost of the fence, or
- " both of these issues.

The Line Fences Act does not apply to boundary line disputes.