

COUNCIL POLICY

**Policy Name**

Keeping Animals and Birds in Urban Areas

Abstract

To enable the keeping of animals and birds in an urban area in a healthy and environmentally acceptable manner.

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Relevant to	Council	
Superseded Policies		
Related documents		
Related legislation		

DEFINITION

Urban Area: Land within the Gunnedah LEP 1998 zoned Rural Residential, Future Urban, Residential 2(a) or 2(b), Village, Business, Industrial and land zoned Rural 1(a) within the area bounded northerly by the Namoi River, easterly by Loughrey Road and is prolongation to the Namoi River, Southerly generally by the Oxley Highway and the adjacent Residential and Business zones westerly to the Crown Reserve and thence to the Namoi River.

1. PIGEONS

Persons keeping pigeons shall ensure that the pigeons shall be:-

- 1.1 Kept within a confined space and their escape shall be prevented;
- 1.2 All pigeon yards, cages and the like are maintained in a clean conditions, so as to prevent any nuisance arising therefrom; and
- 1.3 Kept in such a manner as to prevent any nuisance to adjoining premises arising from the pollution of premises by pigeon excreta.

2. DOGS

- 2.1 Not more than four (4) dogs over the age of six (6) months shall be kept on any property unless development consent for a specific purpose has been issued by Council or the specific purpose is an 'existing use' as defined in the EP&A Act Regulations and established prior to 25 September, 1998.
- 2.2 All dogs shall be kept no closer than 4.5 metres from any premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food.

3. SHEEP AND GOATS

- 3.1 Not more than one (1) sheep or (1) goat shall be kept on any land which has an area of less than 2,000m² and not more than one (1) sheep or (1) goat for each 2,000m² shall be kept on any premises.
- 3.2 No person shall permit sheep or goats to be kept closer than 9 metres to any dwelling public hall, school or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food.

4. PIGS

- 4.1 No person shall keep pigs in an urban area.
- 4.2 No person shall keep pigs less than 750 metres from any school, shop, church, public hall or any premises used for the manufacture, preparation or storage of food.
- 4.3 No person shall keep pigs less than 300 metres from any dwelling other than a dwelling owned and occupied by the owner of the piggery, which dwelling shall be in not less than 60 metres from the piggery.
- 4.4 No person shall keep pigs less than 60 metres from a public place.
- 4.5 No person shall keep pigs in or on the banks of any gully or watercourse or depression serving as watercourse in time of heavy rain to a distance of 40 metres from the maximum water mark of such watercourse.

5. HORSES AND MULES

- 5.1 No person shall keep a horse or mule closer than 18 metres from any dwelling, and if any horse or mule is kept closer than 45 metres to any dwelling, it shall be kept in a properly constructed stable with a floor paved with concrete or mineral asphalt or equal imperious material and must be properly graded to drain.
- 5.2 Yards must be so enclosed as to prevent the escape of horses and mules.

6. CATTLE AND CAMELS

- 6.1 Not more than one (1) animal (adult or calf) shall be kept on any land which has an area of less than 4,000m², and not more than one (1) animal for each 4,000m² shall be kept on any premises.

- 6.2 No animal shall be kept closer than 18 metres to any dwelling, and if any such animal is kept closer than 45 metres to any dwelling, then it shall be kept in a properly constructed stable with a floor paved with concrete or mineral asphalt or equal impervious material and must be properly graded to drain.
- 6.3 Yards must be so enclosed as to prevent the escape of cattle and camels.

7. **POULTRY**

- 7.1 **Fowls** - A maximum of 20 adult birds may be kept on any land up to 2,000m² in area without the consent of Council subject to no fowls being kept closer than 18 metres to any dwelling or premises for the preparation or storage of food for human consumption.
- 7.2 **Other varieties** - A maximum of 10 adult birds of other poultry varieties may be kept on any land up to 2,000m² in area without the consent of Council subject to no birds being kept closer than 30 metres to any dwelling or premises for the preparation or storage of food for human consumption.
- 7.3 **Conditions for keeping Poultry (all kinds)** - The floors of poultry houses must be paved with concrete or mineral asphalt underneath the perches or roosts. Alternatively, the floor may be maintained with 150mm of clean sand.

Poultry yards must be so enclosed as to prevent the escape of poultry.

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