

CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL REGULATORY BYLAWS

PART 5

THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS, POULTRY AND BEES

500 SCOPE

The purpose of this part of the bylaw is to outline requirements for the keeping of animals, poultry and bees. The requirements are deemed necessary for the protection of neighbours and property owners.

Note: It shall be for an authorised officer of Council to determine upon reasonable grounds that a nuisance is being created.

This bylaw is made pursuant to sections 145 and 146(a)(v) of the Local Government Act 2002 and section 64 of the Health Act 1956.

Nothing in this Bylaw shall derogate from any provision of, or the necessity for compliance with, any statute, regulation, rule of law or permission relating to the welfare or keeping of any animals, poultry or bees.

501 KEEPING OF ANIMALS

501.1

No person shall keep an animal which is or is likely to be a nuisance or a threat to public health or safety.

501.2

No person shall keep an animal in conditions which are or are likely to be a nuisance or a threat to public health or safety.

501.3

No person shall allow any animal in a public place in a manner which is or is likely to be a nuisance or a threat to public health or safety.

501.4

A person keeping an animal shall comply, in addition to this bylaw, with any other relevant statutory requirements.

501.5

Any person keeping an animal shall confine the animal within the boundaries of the premises where the animal is being kept.

502 PIG KEEPING

No pig, or any piggery building, or any area designated for the occupation of pigs, is to be located less than 50 metres from any of the following:

- Any residential building
- Milking shed
- Any place used for preparation, storage or sale of food
- Public road

- Adjoining property boundaries.

503 STOCK IN URBAN AREAS

Any person keeping stock in an urban area shall conduct the activity as to ensure that:

- it does not create a nuisance to occupants of an adjoining or nearby property,
- the margins of any river, lake or area of coast adjoining the property are protected from the adverse effects of such stock, and;
- the health and safety of the stock is adequately provided for.

504 POULTRY KEEPING

504.1

No poultry, caged or otherwise, numbering in excess of 10 birds (which shall include geese, ducks, turkeys, and domestic fowls of all descriptions including a combination thereof) shall be kept in a predominantly urban area. Housing shall be provided in a properly constructed poultry house covered in with a rainproof roof and provided with a floor of concrete, or other approved material, with a surrounding nibwall to which a poultry run may be attached.

504.2

No poultry house or poultry run shall be erected or maintained, so that any part of it is within 10 m of any dwelling, factory, or any other building, whether wholly or partially occupied, or within 2 m of the boundary of adjoining premises.

504.3

Every poultry run shall be enclosed to confine the poultry.

504.4

Every poultry house and poultry run shall be maintained in good repair, in a clean condition free from any offensive smell or overflow and free from vermin.

505 NOISE FROM ANIMAL, BIRD, OR FOWL

No person shall keep on any premises any noisy animal, bird, or poultry which causes a nuisance to residents in the neighbourhood.

506 BEE KEEPING

506.1

No person shall keep bees or store hives or beekeeping equipment if, in the opinion of an authorised officer, the activity is, or is likely to become a nuisance or annoyance to any person or potentially dangerous or injurious to health.

506.2

An authorised officer may prescribe conditions relating to the location and number of hives able to be kept on any premises or place within an urban area of the District.