

**GUIDELINES FOR THE KEEPING OF
ROOSTERS ON RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND**

An **APPLICATION TO KEEP ROOSTERS OR PEAFAWL ON RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND** must be completed and submitted to Shire's Health Service and approval granted prior to the keeping of roosters or peafowl's on residential zoned land. There is a fee of \$35 for this application.

As the principal source of annoyance or noise nuisance associated with keeping of roosters is due to the early morning crowing it is essential that the issue be addressed prior to lodging an application.

In order to consider an application for the keeping of roosters or peafowl's the applicant must be able to satisfy the following requirements;

1. A maximum of **two** roosters can be kept.
2. Roosters must be kept in a housing that has been designed to reduce noise emissions.
3. Roosters must be housed in a small box or similar (itself within the housing described above) overnight to eliminate any light intrusion and restrict neck movements in order to prevent early morning crowing.
4. The enclosure must be positioned suitably on the property so as to maximize noise attenuation.
5. Any noise generated from the keeping of roosters must comply with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* (the Regulations). An approval can be revoked at any time if noise generated by roosters does not comply with the requirements of the Regulations.
6. Alternative methods of noise attenuation of any roosters will be considered, however it is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate the effectiveness of any such measures.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate how the above requirements will be achieved. Once the application is submitted a site assessment of the property and enclosure will be conducted prior to an approval being granted.

Please be advised that if you're making application as a result of a complaint associated with the keeping of roosters you will need to lodge the application and have satisfied the requirements listed above **within 2 weeks** from the date that Shire's Health Service requests that you either remove the rooster/s or make application to keep the rooster/s. Failure to make application within this time period will result in Shire's Health Service directing you to remove the rooster/s from your property.

Should you require any assistance or further information regarding the keeping of roosters on residential zoned land, please do not hesitate to contact Shire's Health Service by calling **9290 6742**.