



KEEPING OF POULTRY

NOTE: This factsheet applies to the keeping of poultry. The keeping of roosters in the Parramatta LGA is **not permitted** under any circumstances, due to the high potential for noise nuisances.

- 1.1** A maximum of 10 fowls of species *Gallus gallus* (the domesticated chicken) or guinea fowl are permitted to be kept on residential premises. These birds must not be kept within 4.5m (or such greater distance as Council may determine in a particular case) of a dwelling, public hall, school or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food.
- 1.2** A maximum of 10 poultry birds (other than the fowls addressed in clause 1.1 above) are permitted to be kept on residential premises e.g. Ducks, Geese, Turkeys . These birds must not be kept within **30m of a dwelling**, public hall, school or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food. **They must also not be kept within 5m of any boundary.**
- 1.3** Odour, noise and pests must be adequately managed to prevent nuisance to neighbours. Poultry yards must be maintained in a clean condition and free of offensive odours and vermin at all times.
- 1.4** The floors of poultry houses must consist of clean sand OR be paved with concrete or mineral asphalt underneath the roosts or perches. This requirement does not apply to poultry houses that are located more than 15.2m from a dwelling, public hall or school.



1.5 Poultry yards must be enclosed to prevent the escape of the birds. Shelters and roosts should be cleaned regularly to remove accumulation of droppings, feathers, feed, and other materials. The enclosures must be vermin proofed and all food supplies for the birds are to be stored inside vermin proof containers overnight. If any food is left over in the yard from the day, it is to be removed and disposed of so as to not attract pests.

1.6 Fowl and poultry houses installed on residential premises may not require prior development consent from Council, if the following criteria are satisfied:

- does not have a floor area greater than 15m², and
- is not higher than 3m above ground level, and
- does not house more than 10 fowls or poultry, and
- is located in the rear yard and at least 3m from each boundary, and
 - if housing fowls – is located at least 4.5m from any dwelling, public hall, school or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food, OR
 - if housing other poultry – is located at least 30m from any dwelling, public hall, school or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food, and
- is enclosed to prevent the escape of poultry, and
- is constructed so that the roof water is disposed of without causing nuisance to adjoining neighbours, and
- is constructed of low reflective, factory pre coloured materials, and
- there is not more than 1 poultry house per lot.

However, advice should be sought from Council before any structure is installed on your property to confirm if it is exempt development under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*.