

AGENDA

Meeting of the **Regulatory and Hearings Committee**

**Commencing at 9:00am
Wednesday 14 December 2022**

*To be held at the
Clocktower Chambers
Palmerston Street
Westport*

Regulatory, Hearings and Planning Committee

Reports To:	The Council
Chairperson:	Graeme Neylon
Membership:	The Mayor, all Councillors and Māori Representative
Meeting Frequency:	As required
Quorum:	The composition of any Regulatory Hearings Committee for quorum purposes to be determined by the Chairperson

Purpose

1. To conduct fair and effective hearings and make determinations on a range of the Council's quasi-judicial functions under legislation and other matters as referred to the Committee.
2. Ensuring Buller is performing to the highest standard in the area of civil defence and emergency management through:
 - a) Implementation of Government requirements.
 - b) Contractual service delivery arrangements with the West Coast Regional Group Emergency Management Office.

In addition to the common delegations on page 7, the Regulatory, Hearings and Planning Committee is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:

Terms of Reference:

1. Hear and determine any statutory or regulatory hearings under relevant legislation unless otherwise delegated by Council, including (but without limitation):
 - objections under the Dog Control Act 1996;
 - matters regarding drainage and works on private land under the Local Government Act 1974 and Local Government Act 2002;
 - proposals for temporary closure of any road;
 - Supply and Sale of Alcohol Act 2012.
2. Guide the review of Council's bylaws, and policies required by statute (other than those incorporated in the Long Term Plan).
3. Hear and determine matters arising under current bylaws, including applications for dispensation from compliance with the requirements of bylaws, unless such matters are otherwise delegated by Council.

4. Hear and determine other matters that require hearings or submissions, as referred by Council or other Committees.

The Committee is delegated the following powers to act:

- Approval of matters determined by the Committee within its Terms of Reference.

The Committee is delegated the following recommendatory powers:

- The Committee may make recommendation to the Council.
- The Committee may make recommendations to Committees.

Special Notes:

- The Committee may request expert advice through an independent advisor when necessary.
- The Committee may appoint additional members for hearings where the relevant terms of reference or statute specify the requirement for expert, external or additional representation.
- The Chief Executive Officer, Group Manager Regulatory Services are required to attend all meetings but are not members and have no voting rights. Other Council officers may attend the committee meetings, as required.
- Written updates may be requested to be provided to Council meeting from the Chair and Group Manager Regulatory Services from time to time.

Oversight of Policies:

- *Dangerous, Earthquake-prone and Insanitary Buildings*
- *Class 4 Gambling and Totalisator Agency Board Venue*
- *Dog Control*
- *Vegetation Overhanging Footpaths*
- *Election Signs*
- *Fencing of Swimming Pools*
- *Commercial Trading*
 - *Alcohol Consumption & Dining on Public Footpaths*
 - *Display of goods Furniture or Sandwich Board Signs*
 - *Mobile Shops*
 - *Street Stalls Raffles, Appeals & Busking*

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AGENDA ITEM 1

Prepared by Sean Judd
Group Manager Regulatory Services

APOLOGIES

1. REPORT SUMMARY

That the Regulatory & Hearings Committee receive any apologies or requests for leave of absence from elected members.

2. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That there are no apologies to be received and no requests for leave of absence.

OR

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee receives apologies from (insert Councillor name) and accepts Councillor (insert name) request for leave of absence.

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AGENDA ITEM 2

Prepared by Sean Judd
Group Manager Regulatory Services

MEMBERS INTEREST

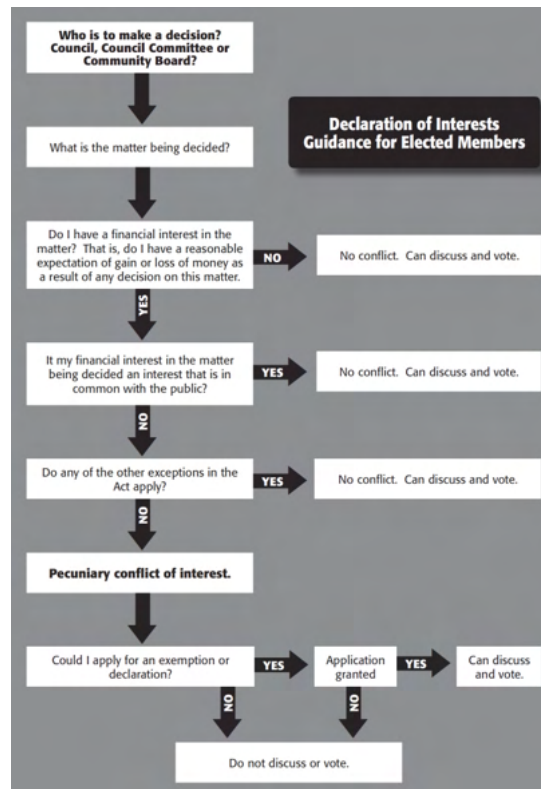
Members are encouraged to consider the items on the agenda and disclose whether they believe they have a financial or non-financial interest in any of the items in terms of Council's Code of Conduct.

Councillors are encouraged to advise the Governance Assistant, of any changes required to their declared Members Interest Register.

The attached flowchart may assist members in making that determination (Appendix A from Code of Conduct).

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION:

That Members disclose any financial or non-financial interest in any of the agenda items.



REGULATORY AND HEARINGS COMMITTEE

14 DECEMBER 2022

AGENDA ITEM 3

Prepared by Sean Judd
Group Manager Regulatory Services

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee receive and confirm previous minutes from the meeting of 1 June 2022.



**MEETING OF THE REGULATORY & HEARINGS COMMITTEE, HELD AT 5.00PM
ON WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE AT CLOCKTOWER CHAMBERS, PALMERSTON
STREET, WESTPORT.**

PRESENT: Cr P Rutherford (Chair), Mayor J Cleine, DM S Roche, Councillors J Bougen, D Hawes, J Howard, M Montgomery, R Nahr, R Sampson, G Weston

APOLOGIES: N Tauwhare

IN ATTENDANCE: Di Rossiter

S Mason (Chief Executive Officer), S Judd (Group Manager Regulatory Services), M Duff (Group Manager Infrastructure Services), D Rossiter (Dextera), G Barrell (Governance Secretary)

MEDIA: Ellen Curnow (Westport News)

Councillor P Rutherford apologised for the late notice of this meeting. Items to be discussed today have only been brought to the attention of the staff in the last week.

MEETING DECLARED OPEN AT 5.00pm

1. APOLOGIES (Page 5)

Discussion:

N Tauwhare

RESOLVED: that the Regulatory and Hearings Committee receives apologies from Cr G Weston

Cr M Montgomery/Cr G Weston
10/10
CARRIED

2. MEMBERS INTEREST (Page 6)

Discussion:

Nil

RESOLVED that Members of the Committee disclose any financial or non-financial interest in any of the agenda items.

DM S Roche/Cr R Sampson
10/10
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (Page 7)**

Discussion:

DM S Roche noted on Page 8. In the first resolution, three people abstained and therefore should have been noted as 7/10. *Noted and amended*

DM S Roche also noted requesting that all references to TTPP be consistent throughout

RESOLVED that the Committee receive and confirm minutes from the meeting of 11 May 2022 with the above amendments.

Cr J Howard/Cr P Rutherford

10/10

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **NAP Submission Report – Presented by Di Rossiter (Page 14)**

Discussion:

Cr P Rutherford thanked D Rossiter for her work and noted that Cr J Howard has picked up a few details that will improve the interpretation of this.

Cr J Howard noted that where reference is given, on Page 13 of the report, to Westport based Epic Centre, she requested that more context be given to this.

Ms Howard noted also that with reference to South Peak Homes producing relocatable homes, it should also be noted in the report that other companies are producing these also and South Peak was just an example.

She mentioned that on Page 13, the paragraph *“As Aotearoa shifts further away...”* that this was rather difficult to understand and could be simplified.

Ms Howard noted also there was a spelling error on Page 14. The word should be *“of”* instead of *“for”*. She then noted this was a well written report and was very pleased with it.

Cr P Rutherford opened the meeting up for discussion.

DM S Roche thanked Ms Rossiter for all hard work with the following minor suggestions:

- In second paragraph, *“we cannot afford to wait for this transition and cannot afford to adapt”*, requested it be clarified that this is with regard to financial reporting.
- Page 2, the wording regarding *“the Build Back Better approach undertaken by Flood Re UK”*, could be followed up with a reference to this so the reader had the ability to read about this.
- Page 3, 5th paragraph down, Ms Roche noted that Ms Rossiter take care to ensure the wording, *“the instatement of public flood defences, which may*

not necessarily be the best or only solution", does not read as being negative approach.

- Page 14 "*Council-operated Karamea Highway*", we should mention this is a special purposes road.
- In the next paragraph regarding "*three crucial lifelines for the Buller district*" was there a reasoning for not including Air?

D Rossiter responded that she had sought input from Infrastructure team and was unable to provide reasoning but will seek clarification.

Cr J Bougen spoke regarding the graph on Page 23. He mentioned that 10% of the male population is colourblind and requested the map be made suitable for colourblind people.

Cr P Rutherford requested everyone be aware that this is very hard hitting for a lot of residents throughout the community who are currently feeling fragile.

Mayor J Cleine noted he is absolutely going into bat for residents and wants to be able to tell them he has a pathway he is able to offer.

Cr D Hawes stated the recognition of very low socioeconomic is good to encourage quicker government assistance and funding. If we wait, then we will be last in this queue.

Mr Hawes spoke further that he was very concerned that there are high standing people in community actively putting out incorrect information and it is up to us to absorb this information and ensure we promote correct information.

Cr P Rutherford noted this submission is the start of a long process and there will be plenty of opportunity to engage with community for this.

Cr J Howard mentioned it was good to show we are building resilience for the big earthquake etc and preparing now.

Cr P Rutherford passed to D Rossiter to add anything.

Ms Rossiter noted the following:

- As a community we are already seeing effects of climate change and we are one of the first communities in NZ to see these changes
- This submission is advocating for special focus from central government as we are so out in front with regard to the effect Buller has seen in climate change.

Cr P Rutherford noted there is an upcoming election and recommends climate change adaptation should be forefront to anyone considering.

Cr J Howard noted the Kawatiri Youth Work Group would be keen to support this. While the timing for this submission is too short a time to pull them in, Ms Rossiter stated from a long-term project, they are very keen to work with all groups.

Cr G Weston noted that the climate change button will be pushed at Festival for Future at the end of July.

RESOLVED that the Regulatory and Hearings Committee accept the submission to government

Cr R Nahr/DM S Roche
10/10
CARRIED

Cr P Rutherford noted prior to the close of meeting that there was a bit of angst as to when council will deliver on noisy animal bylaws. He has been assured there will be a paper for this at the end of June meeting.

- There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.25pm
- **Next meeting:** 3:00pm, Wednesday 13 July 2022, Clocktower Chambers, Palmerston Street, Westport.

Mayor J Cleine recommended an adjournment of the Annual Plan deliberations to 9.00am on Tuesday 2 June.

Confirmed: **Date:**

REGULATORY AND HEARINGS COMMITTEE

14 DECEMBER 2022

AGENDA ITEM 4

Prepared by Bronwyn Little
Policy Advisor

Reviewed by Sean Judd
Group Manager Regulatory Services

Attachments

1. Statement of Proposal August 2022
- 2a. The Proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022 (text)
- 2b. The Proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022 (Urban Area maps)
- 3a. The Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Model General Bylaw
NZS 9201:Part13:1999
- 3b. The Keeping of Cats Local Amendment (to 3a)
4. Summary of submissions by submission number
5. Summary of submissions by Issue
6. Submissions received 1 to 63

BYLAW REVIEW

1. REPORT PURPOSE

For Council to consider the submissions received to the Proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022.

2. REPORT SUMMARY

This report summarises the process of the development of the Proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022 and the submissions received.

3. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives this report for Information;**
- 2. Hear those submitters who indicated they wished to speak to their submission; and**
- 3. Deliberates on the submissions on a future date**

4. BACKGROUND

Bylaw Review

In 2019/20 Council undertook a full review of all the bylaws administered by Council in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002). One of these was the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Model Bylaw (with the associated Keeping of Cats Amendment) which council adopted in 2008.

In August 2020 Council resolved that a bylaw was the correct way to address the issues around keeping animals in the district and that the existing bylaw (and amendment) should be amended following the process outlined in the LGA2002.

As there was an ongoing complaint relating to noise from roosters being kept in a built-up area, this bylaw was one of the first to be reviewed.

The Council took the opportunity to revisit the previous approach adopted in 2008 by proposing a significant number of changes to better address the perceived problems that arise in relation to animals in the district.

The draft bylaw was presented to the Regulatory and Hearing Committee on the 9 March 2022, where several changes were suggested, and it was approved on that basis to progress to legal review.

The legal review was undertaken, and Council's legal advisors suggested a number of changes, related to formatting and the tightening up of wording and phrases.

The draft bylaw incorporating these changes, along with a set of maps outlining 'Urban Areas' was approved to proceed to public consultation, as required under the LGA 2002 (Sec.156: Consultation requirements when making, amending or revoking bylaws made under this Act and Sec.83: Special Consultative Procedure) in June 2022.

Proposed Bylaw

The Proposed Bylaw provides measures to regulate the keeping of animals (including pigs, poultry, bees, livestock and cats) within the district:

- to minimise the impact on animal owners' neighbours;
- to ensure they do not create a nuisance or endanger health; and
- to regulate the slaughtering of animals to avoid causing nuisance or offence.

A summary of the proposed bylaw is included in Attachment 1 in this report – Statement of Proposal August 2022 – pages 4 to 6 and Appendix One (urban area maps).

Submissions

Between 13 September and 11 October 2022 Council consulted on the Proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022. Public Notices were placed in local papers and the council website had a full page dedicated to the proposed bylaw with copies of all the relevant documents, including a submission form and link to a survey monkey submission form.

There were regular reminders on the council Facebook page and copies of all the document were in libraries, Reefton Service Centre and other locations around the district.

In total, 63 submissions were received from around the district (five submissions did not have any attached explanation). A summary of the submissions is included in Attachment 4 (listed by submission number) and full copies of all submissions are included in Attachment 6. In total ten submitters indicated they wished to speak to their submissions – those wishing to speak have been highlighted in Attachment 4.

The issues that were raised covered many aspects of the proposed bylaw as follows:

- Urban Area Boundaries (Attachment 1, Appendix One)
- Keeping of cats in an urban area (section 7, p.3)
- Keeping of poultry in an urban area and poultry houses and poultry runs (Section 8, p. 3 and Section 9, p.4)
- Bee-Keeping and keeping bees in an urban area (Section 10 p. 5)
- Keeping of livestock in an urban area (Section 11, p.6)
- Pig keeping (section 12, p. 6)
- Slaughter of livestock (Section 13, p. 7)
- Commercial vs.Domestic animal keeping
- Existing use rights
- Clarification and further definition
- Bylaw itself

A summary of the issues raised in the submissions is outlined in Attachment 5.

6. CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Strategic Alignment

Council must ensure the bylaw is in keeping with its strategic direction for the district.

6.2 Significance Assessment

The making of bylaws is considered to be strategic decision under the LGA 2002 and the community consultation that is required under Section 83 (Special Consultative Procedure) of the LGA 2002 has been undertaken.

6.3 Tangata Whenua Considerations

N/A

6.4 Risk Management Implications

Council needs an effective mechanism to mitigate the impacts of certain animals being kept on private property and an effective mechanism in order to address any legitimate complaints.

6.5 Policy Framework Implications

The proposed bylaw makes provision for council to develop supporting operational policies, procedures and guidelines should these be necessary.

6.6 Legal Implications

Council must take steps to ensure its compliance mechanisms are consistent with current best practice and law. It is noted that the proposed bylaw presented has undergone a review by Council's legal team and amended as a result.

6.7 Financial / Budget Implications

The process including legal review and public consultation is being managed within existing budgets.

6.8 Consultation Considerations

Under the LGA 2002 there is a statutory requirement that community consultation is undertaken in accordance with Section 83 (Special Consultative Procedure) of the Act. All requirements to date have been met.

The process is now at the hearing stage as required under the Act:

Sec. 83 (1) (d):

provide an opportunity for persons to present their views to the local authority in a manner that enables spoken (or New Zealand sign language) interaction between the person and the local authority, or any representatives to whom an appropriate delegation has been made in accordance with Schedule 7; and

Sec. 83 (1) (e):

ensure that any person who wishes to present his or her views to the local authority or its representatives as described in paragraph (d)—

(i) is given a reasonable opportunity to do so; and

(ii) is informed about how and when he or she may take up that opportunity.

Sec 83 (2):

For the purpose of, but without limiting, subsection (1)(d), a local authority may allow any person to present his or her views to the local authority by way of audio link or audiovisual link.

Buller District Council

Proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022

**Statement of Proposal
September 2022**



Introduction

The Council is reviewing the Buller District Council Bylaw Model General Bylaw Part 13 – The Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees (NZS9201: Part 13: 1999) and the accompanying local amendment Section 1306 The Keeping of Cats (the Current Bylaw) in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA).

The Council has taken the review as an opportunity to revisit the previous approach adopted in 2008 by proposing a significant number of changes to better address the perceived problems that arise in relation to animals in the district. The review proposes that the Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022 (the Proposed Bylaw) remain standalone.

The Proposed Bylaw provides measures to regulate the keeping of animals (including pigs, poultry, bees, livestock and cats) within the district:

- to minimise the impact on animal owners' neighbours;
- to ensure they do not create a nuisance or endanger health; and
- to regulate the slaughtering of animals to avoid causing nuisance or offence.

The Proposed Bylaw would replace the Current Bylaw. A copy of the Proposed Bylaw is included in this statement of proposal.

The Proposed Bylaw does not apply to dogs as this is covered separately under the Dog Control Bylaw.

Determination from BDC

The Council is able to make bylaws relating to the management of animal nuisance under the LGA, and the Health Act 1956 enables councils to make bylaws relating to the keeping of animals in order to improve, promote or protect public health and also prevent nuisance. The LGA also empowers Council to make bylaws to protect, promote and maintain public health and safety.

The Council is required to undertake analysis to ensure that the making of a bylaw is the best way to address the perceived problem. To inform the bylaw review an assessment was undertaken by Council on the Bylaw. The assessment sets out the authority to make a bylaw, the perceived problems or nuisance the bylaw addresses, and the options available to the Council to deal with these problems. The assessment supports the determination that a bylaw continues to be the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems that arise in relation to animals, and therefore supports the recommendation to initiate a review of the Bylaw. The decision to consult on the proposed bylaw was made by Council on 29 June 2022.

In proposing the Proposed Bylaw the Council has also considered whether there are any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. Council considers that the Proposed Bylaw is not inconsistent with the Bill of Rights Act.

Reasons for proposing the Proposed Bylaw

The problem or matter the Proposed Bylaw seeks to address is the nuisance from keeping and slaughtering animals, and to maintain public health and safety. To do this, the Proposed Bylaw provides controls for the keeping of animals (including pigs, poultry, bees, livestock and cats) within the district to minimise the impact on people nearby and to ensure the animals do not create a nuisance or endanger health; and to regulate the slaughtering of animals to avoid causing nuisance or offence.

Reasons for the proposal are as follows:

- The Proposed Bylaw provides a tool for the Council to manage, regulate, and protect the public from nuisance and offence associated with the keeping of animals, and

- This decision can positively impact on the present and future interests of the district and community by having a clear framework as to the management and regulation of animals.
- Not having an up to date bylaw on this matter would be contrary to the historical Council position to have a bylaw on animals.
- Service requests and complaints received by the Council in recent times in relation to animal nuisance demonstrate that there is a continuing need for the bylaw to address issues arising in relation to those matters.

Consultation process

Under the LGA 2002 consultation with the community is required before a proposed bylaw is approved by Council:

- Sec.156: Consultation requirements when making, amending or revoking bylaws made under the Act: and
- Sec.83: Special Consultative Procedure

Written submissions are welcomed from anyone (individuals or groups) in the community affected by, or having an interest in, the proposed Animals Bylaw.

Residents can make a submission from **Tuesday 13 September to 4:30pm Tuesday 11 October 2022** during the consultation period. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Each submission will be considered by Council and there will be an opportunity for submitters to present their submission directly to councilors in November.

Submissions can be made by using any of the following methods:

- online at Council's website www.bdc.govt.nz/bylaws
- email your submission to submissions@bdc.govt.nz
- drop-off your submission at the Council office in Brougham Street Westport or at the Reefton Service Centre - details on locations and opening times are listed at www.bdc.govt.nz/contact or you can get that information by phoning the Council on 0800 807 239
- post your submission to Buller District Council, P.O. Box 21, Westport

Please include your full name and email address or postal address in your submission if you want:

- the Council to acknowledge receipt of your submission and/or
- to make an oral presentation to a Council meeting on the proposed bylaw.

You will then be contacted about when and where the meetings for this are taking place.

A submission form can be collected from Council's offices and libraries in Westport and Reefton, i-Sites, and Resource Centres across the district or be downloaded from our website www.bullerdc.govt.nz.

Privacy statement – Please be aware, any submissions that are made on the proposed Animal Bylaw become part of the public consultation process. As such, all submissions, any summaries of submissions, and any documents provided with your submission, are copied and made available to the Council's governing body as well as the public.

Any personal information included with a submission, such as your name, is treated as part of the submission and will also be released publicly. Your submission and any personal information that you supply, such as your name, will not be treated as confidential unless you specifically request it in your submission.

Options

When determining the best approach to the review it was considered that replacing the Bylaw was the most appropriate.

The Council considered three options when determining to review the Bylaw:

1. Review and amend the Bylaw.
2. Revoke the Bylaw and rely on alternative mechanisms and existing legislation to ensure compliance.
3. Replace the Bylaw with a new bylaw.

A summary of that analysis is shown below.

1. Review and amend the Bylaw

Advantages

- Consistent with the Council's previous approach.
- Rules would be in one place, clear and known to key stakeholders and the public.
- Proactive approach to regulation of animals.
- Community views and preferences regarding the regulation of animals will be collected by way of the Special Consultative Procedure under the LGA.

Disadvantages

- Council resources required to undertake review
- Current bylaw is not well adapted to Buller and is very limited in its application
- Service requests and complaints to council highlighted the need for a targeted approach when dealing with complaints

2. Revoke the Bylaw and rely on alternative mechanisms and existing legislation to ensure compliance

Advantages

- Provides a less adversarial approach to managing animals.
- Reduces the Council's regulatory role and enforcement burden.
- Still allows the community to participate in consultation relating to this issue through the special consultative procedure.

Disadvantages

- The current Bylaw would still need to be revoked, requiring a special consultative procedure.
- Inconsistent with the Council's previous approach.
- The Council will not have a specific tool to control the keeping of animals (including pigs, poultry, bees, livestock and cats) within the district to ensure they do not create a nuisance or endanger health or to regulate the slaughtering of animals to ensure the process is not seen by others.

3. Replace the Bylaw with a new bylaw

Advantages

- A comprehensive review of the Bylaw would result in a very robust bylaw
- Provides the Council with a practical tool to control the keeping of animals (including pigs, poultry, bees, livestock and cats) within the district to ensure they do not create a nuisance or endanger health or to regulate the slaughtering of animals to ensure the process is not seen by others.

- Rules will be in one place, clear and known to key stakeholders and the public.
- Proactive approach to regulation of animals and their possible impact on neighbours.
- Community views and preferences regarding the regulation of animals will be collected through the special consultative procedure.
- Allows the Council to take into consideration any new information in the sector since the last review.

Disadvantages

- Review timeframes would reset – five years instead of 10 until next review is due.
- Resource intensive

Key changes proposed

The following is a summary of the current bylaw and the changes in the proposed bylaw. **It is only a summary and the full proposed bylaw should be read for completeness and detail.**

Urban Areas defined

Current Bylaw: Not defined. Refers to 'urban areas', 'predominantly urban character' and 'urban character under the District Plan' but no actual definition of the areas.

Proposed Bylaw:

A total of 9 urban areas have been defined in a set of maps which is attached to the proposed bylaw. The maps are intended to provide certainty around the term 'urban;' as it is used in the proposed bylaw. A number of the matters in the proposed bylaw refer to urban areas e.g. keeping of livestock. The proposed urban areas have been identified by Council and defined using census data as a base.

The areas defined on the set of maps accompanying the proposed bylaw:

- Westport
- Carters Beach
- Waimangaroa
- Granity
- Ngakawau and Hector
- Karamea and Market Cross
- Inangahua Junction
- Reefton
- Ikamatua

Interpretation

Current Bylaw: Not specified in this bylaw. (Set out in separate Model General Bylaws Part 1 – Introductory NZS9201:Part 1:2007)

Proposed Bylaw:

To assist in the interpretation of the bylaw a full list of definitions of terms used is proposed to be included in this bylaw.

- Allows for users to refer to just one bylaw for guidance on a term used rather than having to refer to a second document.
- Includes additional terms not covered in the Introductory bylaw.
- Provides clarification for those terms only used in this bylaw

General Keeping of Animals

Current Bylaw: Noise which is causing nuisance to neighbours from any animal, bird or poultry is not allowed

Proposed Bylaw:

- no one should be allowed to keep an animal, or keep it in such a way, that it causes a nuisance (noise, smell, dust or attraction of flies) or is offensive to neighbours and other people.
- animals (other than cats and bees) must be confined to the property.
- the release or abandonment of any domestic animal is prohibited to avoid issues with the dumping of animals.

Ban on urban roosters

Current Bylaw: Not included

Proposed Bylaw:

In response to a number of service requests and complaints we receive each year related to nuisance from roosters in urban areas, we are proposing:

- a ban on roosters, along with ganders and peacocks, in urban areas.

This will also bring BDC in line with many other councils around New Zealand that also ban roosters and other crowing animals.

Number of cats in urban areas

Current Bylaw: Maximum number of cats is three in non-rural areas. If more than three they must not cause any nuisance. Excludes cat breeders, boarding establishments, vets and SPCA shelters

Proposed Bylaw:

- The maximum number of cats six months or older that may be kept in any dwelling is four. This is in line with a number of other councils around New Zealand. Existing exceptions remain in the Proposed Bylaw for catteries, animal shelters and vets.
- Cat owners who have more than four cats would be allowed to continue to own these cats until the end of the cat's natural lives.
- Exemptions can be made by Council (on a case-by-case basis) provided housing is adequate, no nuisance will result and all other lawful requirements are met.

Keeping of Poultry in urban areas

Current bylaw: Appropriate, and maintained, housing with specified distance from neighbours

Proposed bylaw:

- Maximum number of 12 head of poultry on any property
- Appropriate poultry house/shelter with specified distance from neighbours
- No noise or odour nuisance
- Effluent/discharge management
- Provision for Council to require abatement of nuisance (written notice)

Beekeeping general

Current bylaw: No keeping of bees causing or likely to cause nuisance/annoyance or be dangerous/injurious to health. Authorised officers may prescribe conditions related to location and number of hives

Proposed bylaw:

We are proposing a more detailed clause in the Proposed Bylaw regarding beekeeping.

If in the opinion of Council bees cause a nuisance or may be dangerous or injurious to the health of any person specific controls on beekeeping in general the Council may seek advice from an experienced beekeeper and also require:

- compliance with Apiculture NZ Code of Conduct or similar
- Relocation of hives or reduction in the number
- Approved flight management plan to ensure bees fly a minimum of 1.8m above adjacent property, footpath or road
- Reduction of number of hives

Beekeepers must also register all hives in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 1993 and the Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan) Order 1998.

Bee Keeping in Urban Areas

Current Bylaw: Council may prescribe relocation or reduction in number of hives

Proposed Bylaw:

- Two hives permitted
- Approval of Council required for up to a maximum of four hives with appropriate conditions using an incremental approach based on property size or adjacent land being reserve or rural. Possible nuisance or health issues also taken into consideration.

Keeping of Livestock in Urban areas

Current Bylaw: Must meet such conditions as prescribed by Council

Proposed Bylaw: More specific guidance is proposed in the bylaw

- Livestock must not cause annoyance or nuisance including noise or odour nuisance
- Provision for Council to require abatement of nuisance (written notice)

Pig Keeping

Current Bylaw: No pigs in urban areas

Proposed bylaw:

More specific guidance proposed for pig keeping throughout the District including:

- Must not cause nuisance or be injurious to health of any person or offensive
- Must comply with Operative District Plan
- Pigsties must be built in accordance with Building Act 2004 and any other lawful requirements

- Discharge of effluent must not cause nuisance and must comply with Resource Management Act 1991 and West Coast Regional Council requirements
- Provision for Council to require abatement of nuisance (written notice)
- All pig farmers must also comply with the provisions of the Biosecurity Act 1993, Animal Welfare Act 1999 and any other relevant regulations.

Slaughter of livestock

Current Bylaw: No provisions

Proposed Bylaw:

Due to the sensitive nature of this issue it is proposed to provide some specific guidelines and safeguards to avoid offending people nearby.

- Responsibility to ensure slaughtering and process not visible (e.g. screening) to any person nearby
- Responsibility to ensure waste removed immediately and does not cause nuisance, threat to health or become offensive
- Definitions for who is responsible and 'person nearby'

Fees and Operational policies

Current bylaw: No provisions in this bylaw (Set out in separate Model General Bylaws Part 1 – Introductory (NZS9201:Part 1:2007)

Proposed Bylaw:

- Fees may be payable for any approvals made to council under this bylaw
- Operational policies related to matters in this bylaw (such as guidance information, application procedures, definitions) may be made by council if required
- Allows users to refer to just one bylaw for interpretation of a term used rather than having to refer to a second document.

Offences and Penalties

Current bylaw: Not specified in this bylaw (Set out in separate Model General Bylaws Part 1 – Introductory (NZS9201:Part 1:2007)

Proposed bylaw:

- Allows users to refer to just one bylaw for interpretation of a term used rather than having to refer to a second document.
- Failure to comply with bylaw is an offence and liable to enforcement action (Local Government Act 2002 or Health Act 1956)
- Injunctions through District Court for breach or continuing breach of bylaw
- Seizure or impounding of any animal other than domesticated cats, bees and poultry if found at large causing nuisance
- With a warrant council may enter private property and seize animals/bees/other property in breach of Bylaw

Repair and Removal of Works

Current bylaw: Not specified in this bylaw (Set out in separate Model General Bylaws Part 1 – Introductory NZS9201:Part 1:2007)

Proposed bylaw:

- Allows users to refer to just one bylaw for interpretation of a term used rather than having to refer to a second document.

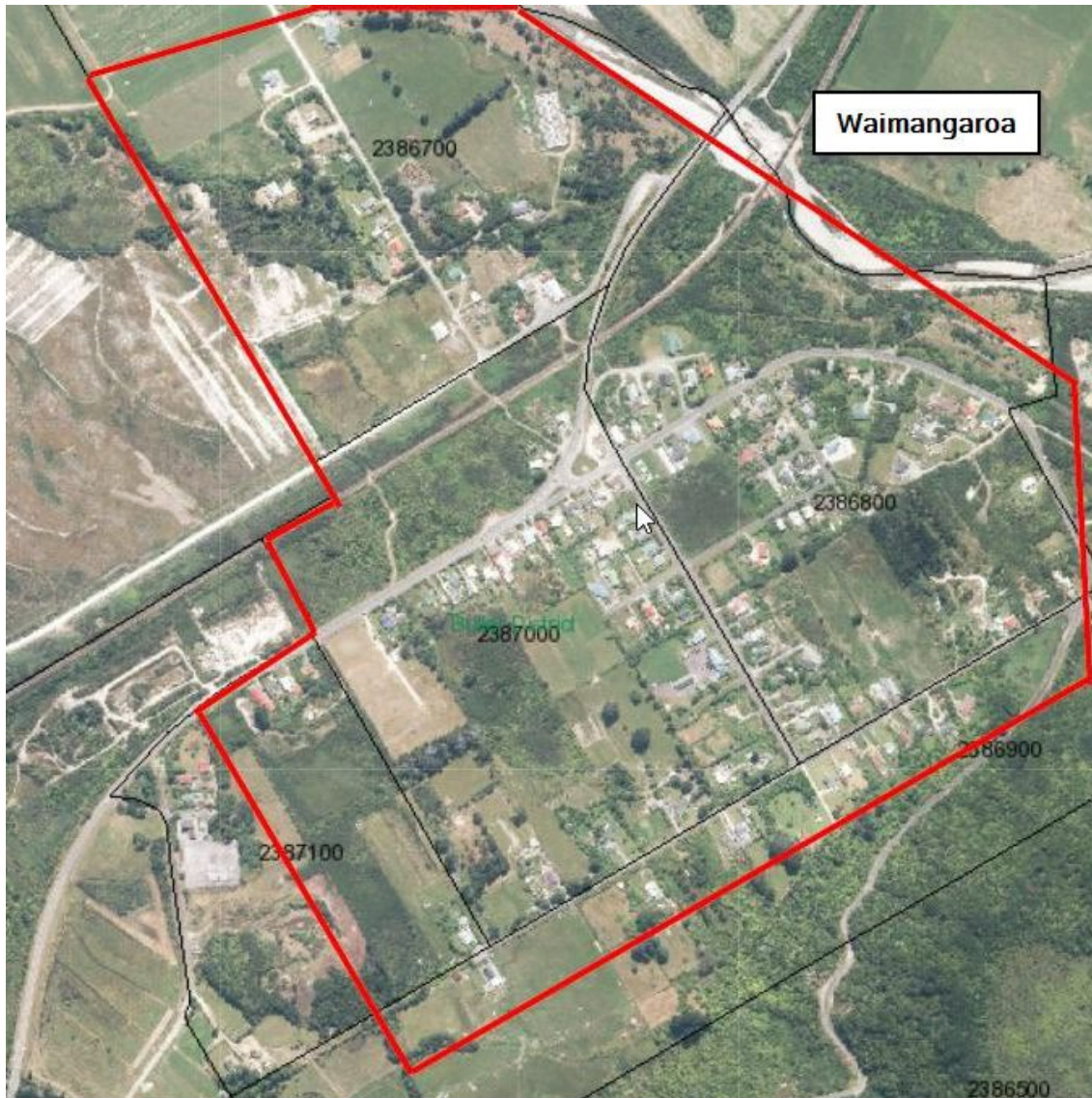
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- Council powers to repair, remove or alter any work, material or thing in contravention to this bylaw or require that it be done
- Recovery of costs associated with above and ability for owner to claim back work, material or thing
- provision for Council to issue notice stating work required and time frame

APPENDIX ONE: URBAN AREA













Proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022

September 2022



Proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022

Buller District Council

1 Title and Commencement

- 1.1 The title of this bylaw is the Buller District Council Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022.
- 1.2 This bylaw comes into force on [.....] 2022.

2 Authority

- 2.1 This bylaw is made under:
- a) Sections 145(a) and (b) and 146(a)(v) of the Local Government Act 2002; and
 - b) Section 64(1)(a), (i), (j), and (m) of the Health Act 1956.

3 Purpose and application

- 3.1 The purpose of this bylaw is to:
- a) Regulate the keeping of animals (including pigs, poultry, bees, livestock and cats) in the district to protect, maintain and promote public health and safety and to avoid causing nuisance to any person; and
 - b) Regulate the slaughtering of animals in the district so as not to be offensive and to avoid causing nuisance to any person.
- 3.2 This bylaw shall apply to Buller District.

4 Exclusions

- 4.1 This bylaw does not apply to:
- a) Any animal kept in a zoo; or
 - b) Any dog.

5 Interpretation

- 5.1 In this bylaw unless the context otherwise requires:

Animal means any member of the animal kingdom, including any mammal, bird, finfish, shellfish, reptile, amphibian, insect or invertebrate which is kept in captivity or domesticated and includes their young or eggs, their carcasses or constituent parts of that animal, but does not include a human being or a dog.

Approval or Approved means a written approval from the Council.

Bylaw means this Buller District Council Animals Bylaw 2022.

Council means Buller District Council or any person delegated to act on its behalf.

District means the district within the jurisdiction of Buller District Council.

Domestic animal includes any animal kept as a domestic pet, and any other animal kept by any person for recreational purposes or for the purposes of that person's occupation or employment.

Dwelling means any separately occupied household unit used in whole or in part for human habitation, and includes any building, tent, vehicle or other structure, whether permanent or temporary and whether attached to the soil or not.

Livestock includes any cattle, sheep, deer, horse, donkey, hinny, mule, goat, thar, alpaca, llama, bison, ostrich, emu, pigs or any other herd animal, regardless of age or sex.

Nuisance means any unreasonable interference with the peace, comfort or convenience of another person and includes a nuisance as defined in section 29 of the Health Act 1956, and includes the following:

- a) where any accumulation or deposit of any waste or other similar material is in such a state or so situated as to be offensive;
- b) where any buildings used for the keeping of animals are so constructed, situated, used, or kept, or are in such a condition, as to be offensive; and
- c) where any noise emitted by an animal unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort, and convenience of any person.

Occupier (of any property) means the inhabitant of any property, and in any case where the property is unoccupied includes the owner of that property.

Owner (of any property) means any person who would be entitled to receive the rack rent of the property if the property were let, and where any such person is absent from New Zealand includes that person's authorised lawyer or agent, or any other person acting on their behalf.

Person includes an individual, a corporation sole, a body corporate, and an unincorporated body.

Poultry means any live, domesticated or farmed bird including, but not limited to, chicken, rooster, goose, duck, turkey, swan, pheasant, or peafowl.

Property means any parcel of land and/or building capable of being transferred, sold, rented, leased, or otherwise disposed of separately from any other parcel of land and/or building(s), whether or not the land and/or building is occupied.

Urban area means any land identified in the plans attached in Appendix 1.

Waste has the same meaning as in section 5 of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

Zoo means a place where animals are kept for public exhibition, education, or entertainment, and includes a zoological garden.

5.2 A reference in this bylaw to any Act, Regulation or Rule, includes any amendment thereof, and any Act, Regulation or Rule in substitution therefor.

5.3 The Legislation Act 2019 applies to this bylaw.

6 Keeping of animals

- 6.1 No person shall keep or allow to be kept on any property any animal (including livestock, poultry and bees):
- a) which in the opinion of the Council causes a nuisance through noise, smell, dust or through the attraction of flies; or
 - b) in a manner that in the opinion of the Council is or is likely to become:
 - i) a nuisance, or
 - ii) offensive to the occupier of a neighbouring property or a threat to the health of any person.
- 6.2 Clause 6.1 will apply regardless of whether a person has complied with other clauses in this bylaw.
- 6.3 Any person keeping an animal (other than cats or bees) must confine the animal within the boundaries of the property where the animal is usually kept.
- 6.4 Clause 6.3 of this bylaw does not prevent a person from driving, leading or riding any animal.
- 6.5 No person shall release or abandon a domestic animal.

Note: releasing an animal that has been kept in captivity, in circumstances in which the animal is likely to suffer unreasonable or unnecessary pain or distress is an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

7 Keeping of cats in an urban area

- 7.1 No person may keep, or allow to be kept, more than four cats over the age of six months on any property in an urban area, except with the written approval of the Council.
- 7.2 Before granting any approval under clause 7.1 of this bylaw, the Council must be satisfied that:
- a) the cats will be adequately housed and that no nuisance will result; and
 - b) any other lawful requirements of the Council have been satisfied including any relevant provisions of the Operative District Plan.
- 7.3 The approval of the Council under clause 7.1 of this bylaw may include such terms and conditions as the Council considers appropriate in the circumstances, including requiring the cats to be desexed.
- 7.4 Any person to whom an approval has been given under clause 7.1 of this bylaw must comply with the terms and conditions of the approval.
- 7.5 Nothing in clause 7.1 of this bylaw applies to a lawfully established SPCA facility or other animal shelter, or a lawfully established veterinary clinic or cattery.

8 Keeping of poultry in an urban area

- 8.1 No person shall keep, or allow to be kept, any roosters, ganders or peacocks on any property in an urban area.
- 8.2 No person may keep, or allow to be kept, more than 12 head of poultry on any property in an urban area.

- 8.3 The occupier of property in an urban area on which poultry is kept must ensure that the poultry are confined to that property by providing either:
- a) an enclosed poultry house with an attached poultry run; or
 - b) an enclosed poultry house and adequate fencing of the property;
- where the poultry house and poultry run (if any) complies with the requirements of clause 9 of this bylaw.
- 8.4 No person keeping any poultry on property in an urban area shall allow the poultry to cause a nuisance to any person, including a noise or odour nuisance.
- 8.5 If, in the opinion of the Council, any poultry on property in an urban area creates a nuisance, the Council may by written notice to the owner or occupier require the owner or occupier to abate the nuisance.
- 8.6 Any owner or occupier who receives a notice under clause 8.5 of this bylaw must, without delay, act to abate the nuisance as required by the notice.
- 8.7 Nothing in clauses 8.1 and 8.2 of this bylaw applies to a person temporarily keeping poultry in an auction room or on any property used for the killing and dressing of poultry for sale.

9 Poultry houses and poultry runs

- 9.1 Shelter for Chickens Outdoors
- a) All chickens must have access to shelter from adverse weather that is likely to cause heat or cold stress, and to reduce the risk of predation.
 - b) Openings provided for chickens to access an outside area must be wide enough to enable chickens to freely move to and from the outdoors at all times without risk of smothering or injury.
 - c) Where access to outside area is provided it must be managed to prevent the development around the poultry house of muddy, dusty or contaminated conditions to an extent that could be harmful to the chickens health.
 - d) Precautions must be taken to protect chickens from pests, including predators.
- 9.2 No poultry house or poultry run may be located:
- a) Within ten metres of any dwelling on any neighbouring land, or
 - b) Within two metres of the boundary of any neighbouring land.
- 9.3 Every poultry house and poultry run must be adequately graded and drained and must be kept clean and in good repair.
- 9.4 Effluent or discharge from a poultry house or poultry run must:
- a) not be discharged in such a manner as to cause a nuisance; and
 - b) comply with the Resource Management Act 1991; and
 - c) comply with the relevant requirements of the West Coast Regional Council.
- 9.5 If, in the opinion of the Council, a poultry house or poultry run causes a nuisance, the Council may, by written notice to the owner or occupier, require the owner or occupier to abate the nuisance.

- 9.6 Any owner or occupier who receives a notice under clause 9.5 must, without delay, act to abate the nuisance as required by the notice.

10 Beekeeping

- 10.1 No person shall keep, or allow to be kept, bees on any property if, in the opinion of the Council, the keeping of such bees is, or is likely to become, dangerous, injurious to health, or cause a nuisance to any person.
- 10.2 A beekeeper must ensure that hives are positioned so as to ensure the primary flightpath will not impinge on a dwelling or living area on any neighbouring land.
- 10.3 If, in the opinion of the Council, bees cause a nuisance to or may be dangerous or injurious to the health of any person, the Council may:
- a) seek advice from an experienced beekeeper as nominated by a local beekeeping club, other similar recognised body and/or consensus of locally-based registered commercial beekeepers to recommend possible solutions to abate the nuisance or danger;
 - b) by written notice require the beekeeper or owner or occupier of the property to undertake one or more of the following steps to mitigate or abate the nuisance or danger:
 - i) ensure the bees are kept in accordance with the Apiculture NZ Code of Conduct and/or similar code of conduct;
 - ii) relocate the hives to another area on the property;
 - iii) develop a flight management plan and submit this to the Council for approval by the Council to ensure that the bees flightpath is diverted from or made to go a minimum of 1.8 metres high over an adjacent property, footpath, or road;
 - iv) reduce the maximum number of hives allowed on the property; and/or
 - v) remove some or all of the existing hives from the property.
- 10.4 Any beekeeper, owner, or occupier who receives a notice under clause 10.3 of this bylaw must, without delay, comply with the notice.
- 10.5 A beekeeper must register any hives located within the district in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 1993 and the Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan) Order 1998.

Keeping of bees in an urban area

- 10.6 No person shall place, or allow to be placed, more than two hives on any land in an urban area, except with the written approval of the Council.
- 10.7 Before granting any approval under clause 10.6 of this bylaw the Council must be satisfied that:
- a) increasing the number of hives will not cause a nuisance or otherwise be injurious to the health of any person; and
 - b) the property on which the hives are located:
 - i) Is in excess of 1,500 m²; or
 - ii) located next to reserves or rural land.
- 10.8 Any approval granted by the Council under clause 10.6 may provide for the placement of up to four hives.

- 10.9 Any approval granted by the Council under clause 10.6 of this bylaw may include such terms and conditions as the Council considers appropriate in the circumstances.
- 10.10 Any person to whom an approval has been given under clause 10.7 of this bylaw must comply with the terms and conditions of the approval.

11 Keeping of livestock in an urban area

- 11.1 No person shall keep, or allow to be kept, any livestock on property in an urban area at a distance less than two metres from a boundary of any adjoining land where, in the opinion of the Council, an annoyance or nuisance may be created by the presence of the livestock within that area.
- 11.2 No person keeping any livestock on property in an urban area shall allow the livestock to cause a nuisance to any person, including a noise or odour nuisance.
- 11.3 If, in the opinion of the Council, livestock on land in an urban area causes a nuisance, the Council may by written notice to the owner or occupier require the owner or occupier to abate the nuisance.
- 11.4 Any owner or occupier who receives a notice under clause 11.3 must, without delay, act to abate the nuisance as required by the notice.
- 11.5 Nothing in clause 11.1 of this bylaw applies to a person driving, leading, or riding any livestock.

Note: As per clause 6.3 of this bylaw, livestock must be confined within the property concerned, with the exception of the situations described by clause 11.5 of this bylaw.

12 Pig keeping

- 12.1 No person shall:
- a) keep, or allow to be kept, pigs on any property in such a manner so as to cause a nuisance, or which is otherwise likely to be injurious to the health of any person or offensive; or
 - b) keep pigs other than in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Operative District Plan; or
 - c) erect, or cause to be erected, any pigsty that does not comply with the Building Act 2004 and any other lawful requirements; or
 - d) discharge effluent from a piggery in such a manner as to cause a nuisance.
- 12.2 Any discharge from a piggery must comply with the Resource Management Act 1991, and relevant requirements of the West Coast Regional Council.
- 12.3 If, in the opinion of the Council, the keeping of pigs and/or a pigsty causes a nuisance, the Council may by written notice to the owner or occupier require the owner or occupier to abate the nuisance.
- 12.4 Any owner or occupier who receives a notice under clause 12.3 must, without delay, act to abate the nuisance as required by the notice.

Note: The Operative District Plan contains provisions on the keeping of pigs. All pig farmers must

also comply with the provisions of the Biosecurity Act 1993, Animal Welfare Act 1999 and any other relevant regulations.

13 Slaughter of livestock

13.1 Any person responsible for the slaughter of any livestock must ensure:

- a) the slaughter is carried out in such a way that it cannot be seen by any other person nearby;
- b) the processing of the slaughtered livestock (including skinning, gutting, and cutting of a carcass is carried out in such a way that it cannot be seen by any other person nearby;
- c) the waste associated with a slaughter is disposed of in such a way that it cannot be seen by any other person nearby; and
- d) the slaughter and the processing of the slaughtered livestock does not cause a nuisance or become offensive to any other person nearby.

13.2 One way of complying with the requirements in clause 13.1(a), (b), and (c) of this bylaw is to erect adequate screening around the slaughtering, processing and disposal sites that is of sufficient size to prevent the slaughtering operation from being seen.

13.3 Any person responsible for the slaughter of any livestock must ensure:

- a) any waste associated with the slaughter of livestock is immediately removed; and
- b) the body or part of the body of any slaughtered livestock is disposed of in a manner that will not cause a nuisance (including producing odour), become a threat to the health of any person, or otherwise become offensive to any person nearby.

13.4 For the purposes of clause 13 of this bylaw:

A person responsible for the slaughter of any livestock includes:

- a) the owner of the livestock concerned;
- b) any person contracted or otherwise engaged to perform the slaughter; and
- c) any person carrying out the slaughter and associated processing and disposal.

Any person nearby:

- a) includes a person on a neighbouring property, whether in a dwelling on that property or not, and a person in a dwelling on the property where the slaughter is carried out; but
- b) excludes any person responsible for the slaughter of the livestock.

13.5 If, in the opinion of the Council, clauses 13.1, 13.2, 13.3 are not complied with, the Council may by written notice to the person responsible for the slaughter of the livestock, as set out in 13.4, require the person responsible to abate the nuisance.

13.6 Any person responsible for the slaughter of livestock who receives a notice under clause 13.5 must, without delay, act to abate the nuisance as required by the notice.

Note: It is an offence under the Health Act 1956 to leave animals or animal carcasses in a state where they are offensive or injurious to health. It is an offence under the Resource Management Act 1991 to contaminate waterways with animal remains. It is an offence under the Biosecurity (Meat and Food Waste for Pigs) Regulations 2005 to feed pigs untreated meat or untreated food waste.

14 Fees

- 14.1 The Council may prescribe fees payable for any approval by the Council under this bylaw.

15 Operational policies

- 15.1. The Council may, from time to time, (by resolution) adopt operational policies related to matters regulated by this Bylaw, provided that any such policies are not inconsistent with this Bylaw.
- 15.2 Operational policies may set out, without limitation, such matters as:
- a) Guidance information
 - b) Application procedures
 - c) Administration arrangements
 - d) Terms and conditions
 - e) Definitions

16 Offences and Penalties

- 16.1 Every person who fails to comply with this bylaw commits an offence and is liable to enforcement action by the Council and the penalties set out in the Local Government Act 2002 or the Health Act 1956, as the case may be.
- 16.2 The Council may apply to the District Court for an injunction to restrain a person from committing a breach, or continuing to breach this Bylaw, as set out in the Local Government Act 2002.
- 16.3 Notwithstanding the above, nothing in this Bylaw serves to prevent the Council, where it considers it appropriate, from exercising its powers under the Health Act 1956 or Resource Management Act 1991 to abate nuisance without notice.
- 16.4 An Authorised Officer may seize or impound any Animal other than domesticated cats, bees or Poultry found at large which are causing a nuisance.
- 16.5 If an authorised officer is issued with a warrant under the Search and Surveillance Act 2012 the authorised officer may enter private property pursuant to section 165 of the Local Government Act 2002; and
- (a) seize animals and bees that are on the premises in breach of this Bylaw
 - (b) seize property other than animals and bees that is materially involved in the commission of an offence under this Bylaw.
- 16.6 In accordance with section 162 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council may apply to the District Court for an injunction to restrain a person from committing a breach or continuing to breach a Bylaw.

17 Repair and Removal of Works

- 17.1 The Council may, under sections 163, 164, 165, 167, and 168, of the Local Government Act 2002, repair, remove, or alter, or cause to be repaired, removed, or altered, any work, material, or thing erected or done in contravention of this Bylaw, and may recover from any person responsible for the work, action, or thing, all expenses incurred by the Council in

connection with the repair, removal, or alteration (including the cost of debt collection and legal fees incurred by the Council).

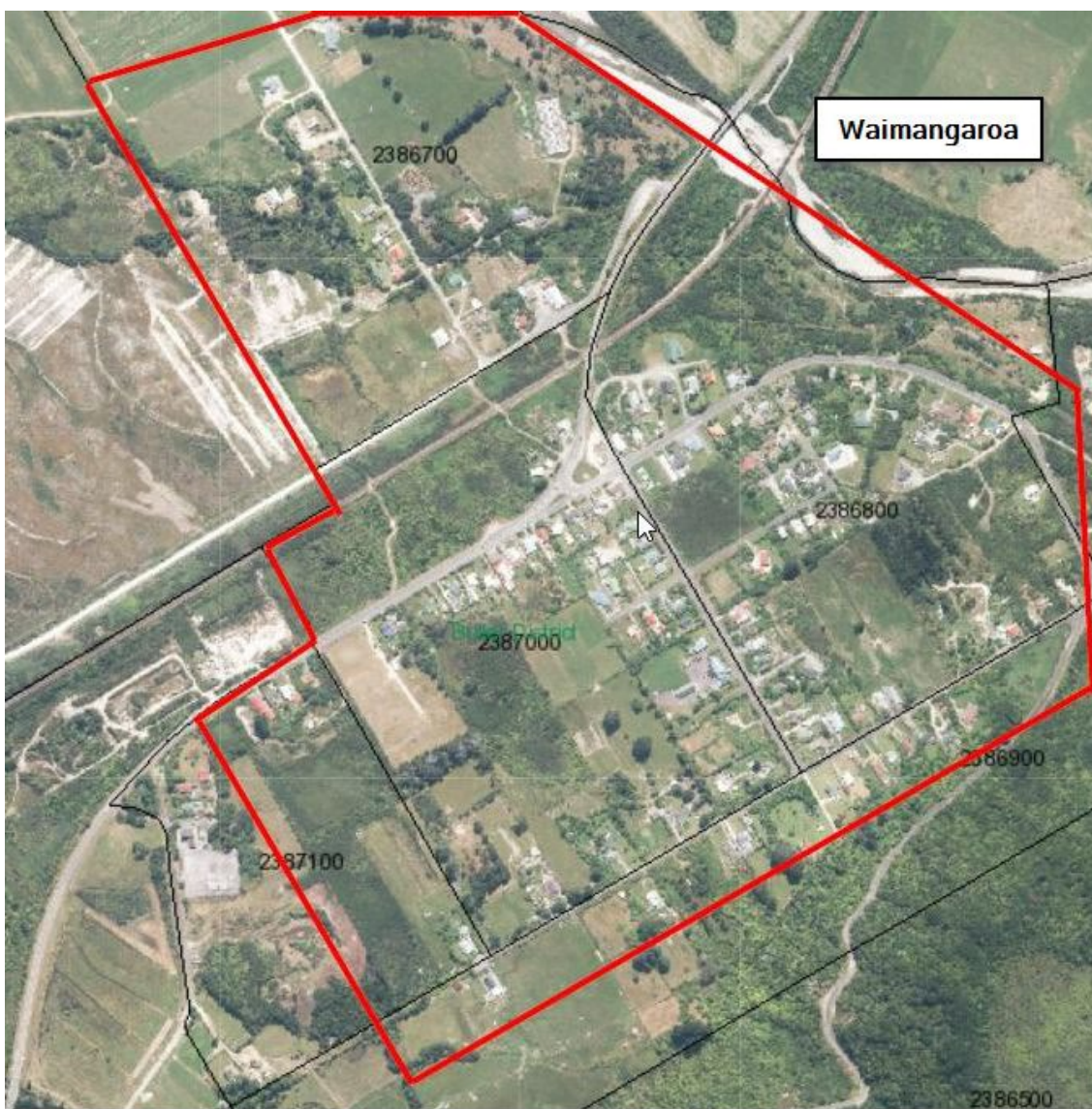
- 17.2 Any notice issued pursuant to clause 17.1 must state the work required and the time within which such action is to be carried out. The relevant time period may be extended from time to time by an Authorised Officer.
- 17.3 The exercise by the Council of its powers under this clause will not relieve any person responsible for a breach of this Bylaw from liability for any other penalty for committing a breach of this Bylaw.
- 17.4 If any breach of this Bylaw is such that public health, safety considerations, or risk of consequential damage to Council assets is such that a delay would create unacceptable results, the Council may take immediate action to rectify the breach and recover its reasonable costs as set out in clause 17.1.
- 17.5 On recovery of all Council's costs (including any storage costs) the lawful Owner may claim any work, material or thing removed under this clause.
- 17.6 If not claimed within a reasonable time the Council may dispose of any work, material or thing removed under this clause as it sees fit and apply the proceeds to meet any of its outstanding costs in relation to the matter. The lawful Owner will be entitled to claim any residual sum.

18 Revocation

- 18.1 All bylaws previously made by Council which relate to animals or any matter dealt with in this bylaw, or which are inconsistent with this bylaw, are hereby revoked.

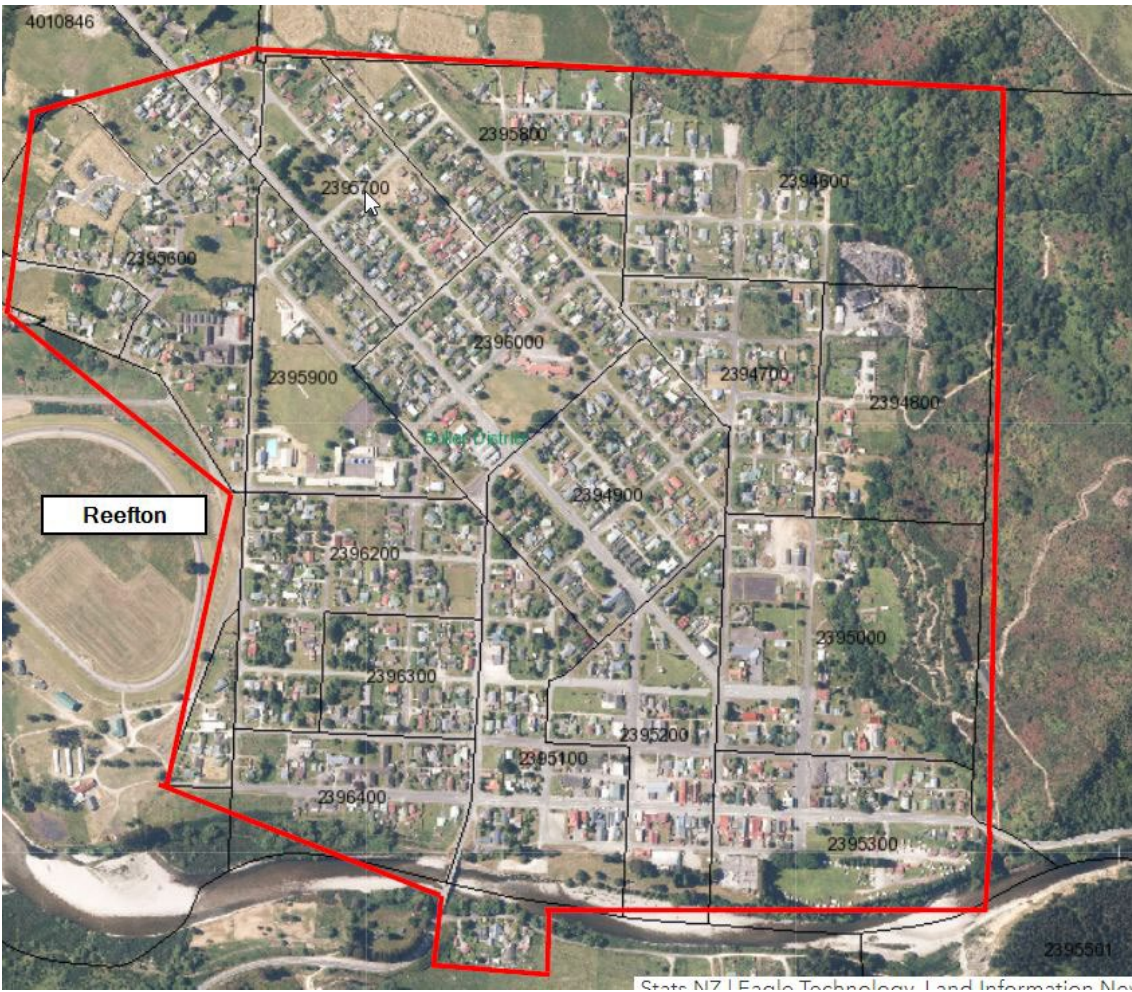
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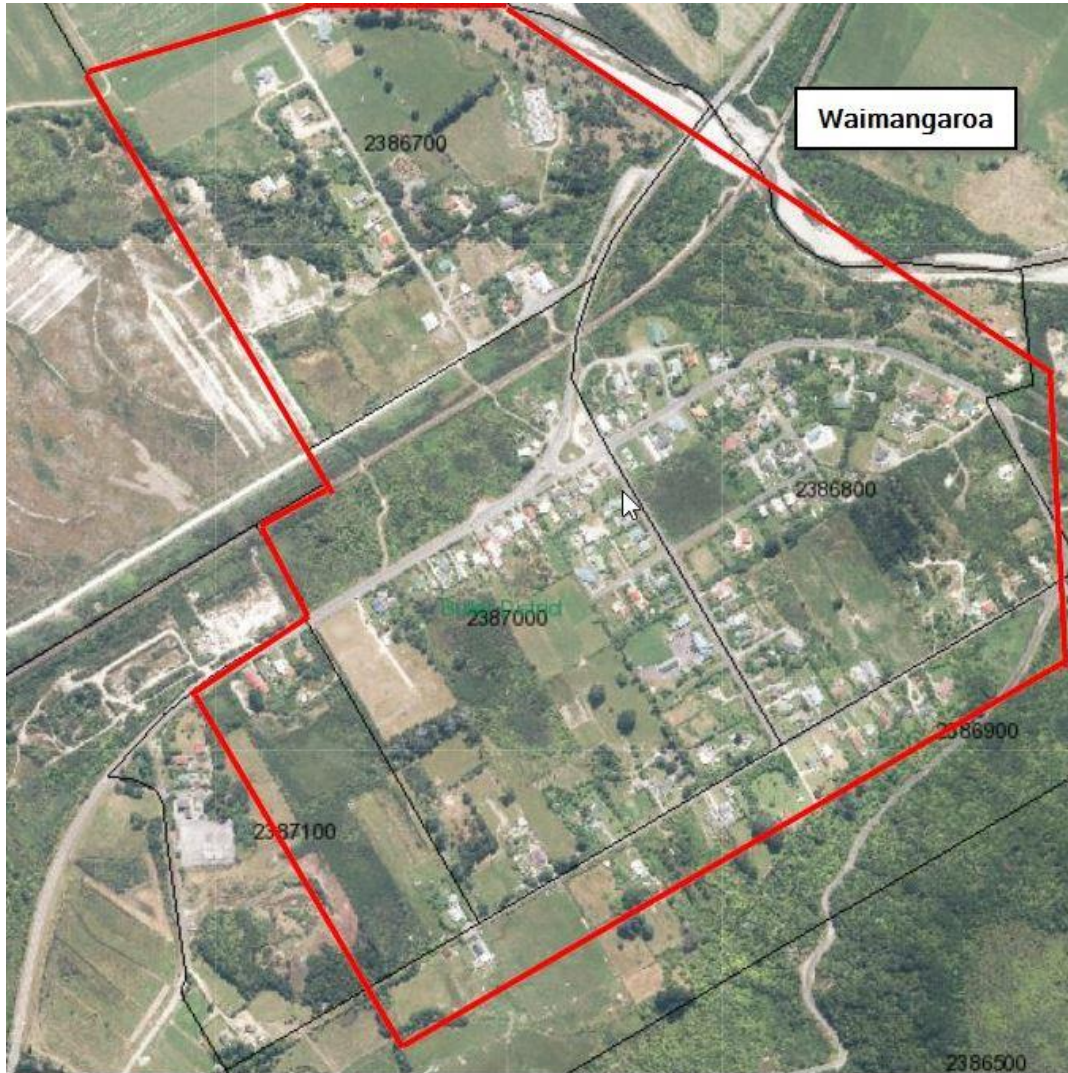




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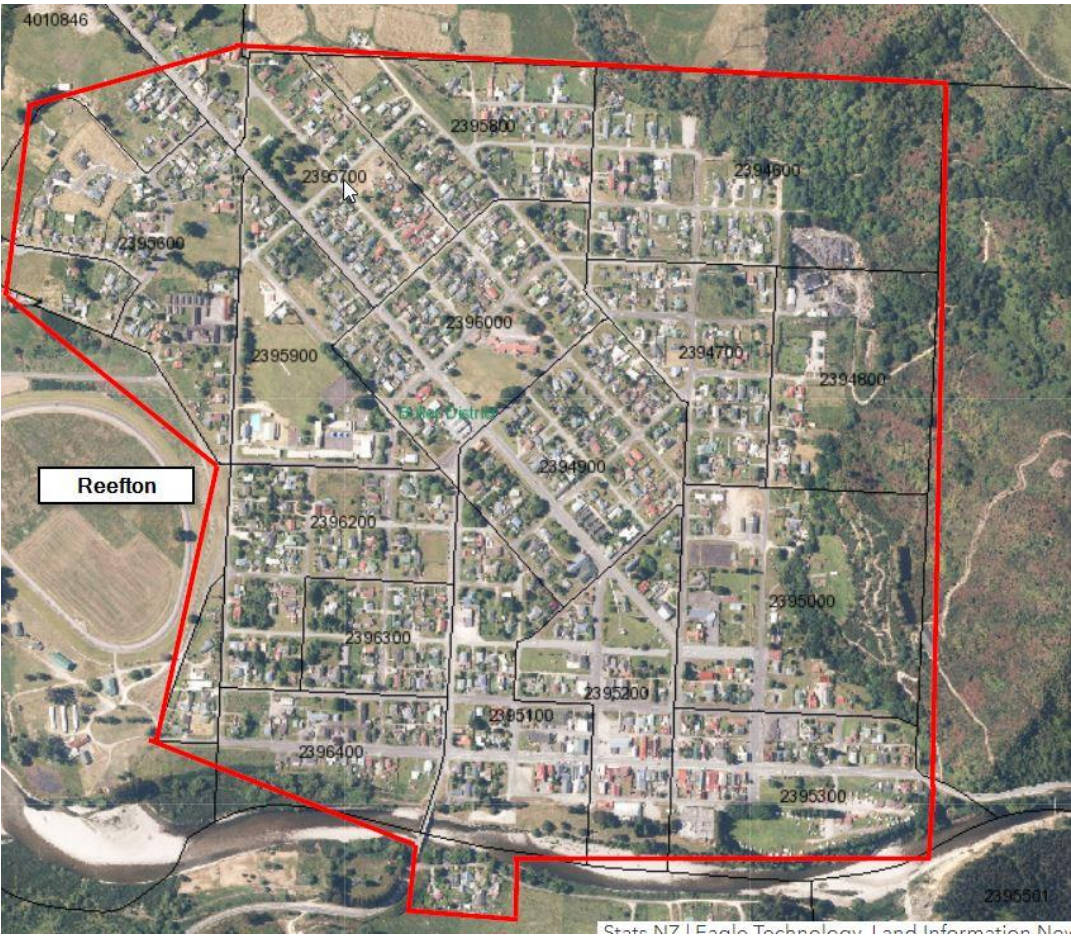


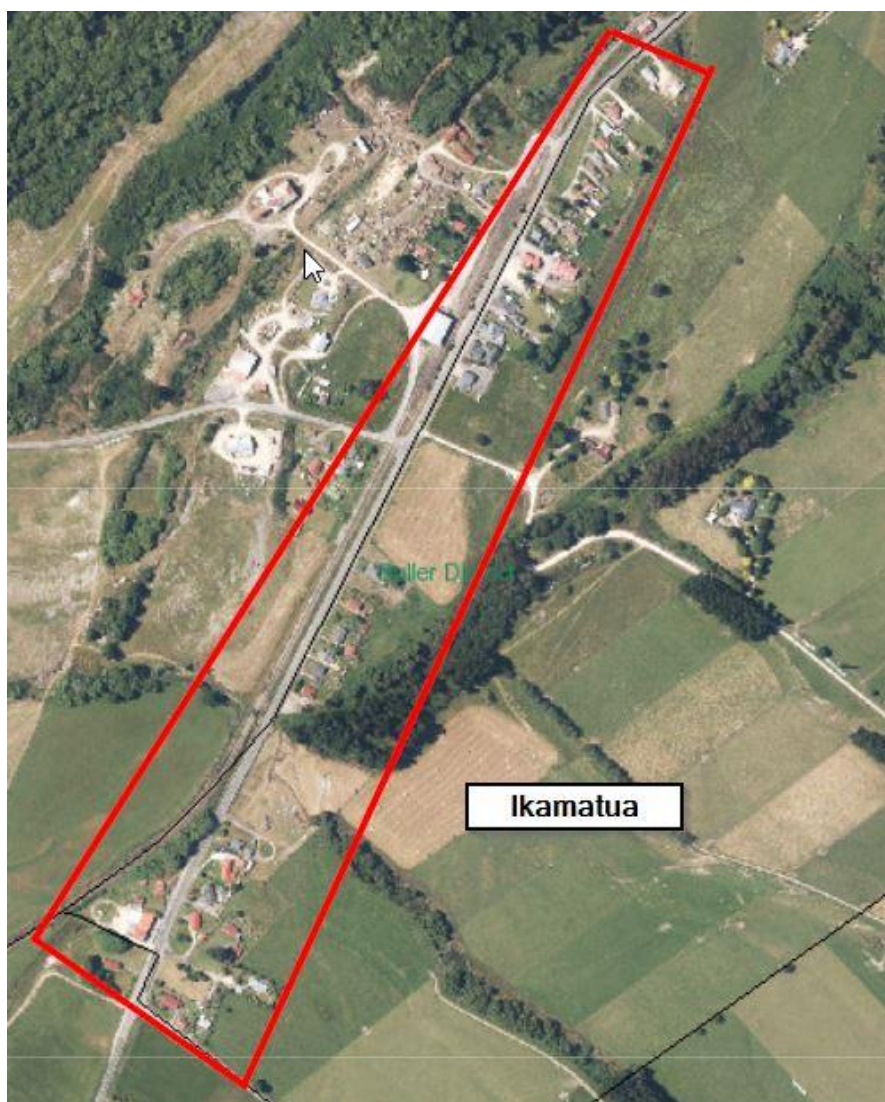












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FOREWORD

The NZS 9201 series are model bylaws covering various matters under local authority jurisdiction. Local authorities are empowered under the Local Government Act 1974 to make bylaws.

This Standard supersedes NZS 9201:Chapter 13:1972 *The keeping of animals, poultry and bees*. The revision simplifies the previous standard by deleting all the requirements related to pigsties and pigswill as pig keeping is not generally allowed in areas which have a predominantly urban character under the District Plan.

Reference should be made to NZS 9201:Part 1 *Introductory* for any other definitions not included in this Part.

NEW ZEALAND STANDARD

MODEL GENERAL BYLAWS

Part 13

THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS, POULTRY AND BEES



1300 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.

This bylaw is made pursuant to section 684 of the Local Government Act 1974, and section 64 of the Health Act 1956.

1301 PIG KEEPING

No pigs shall be kept in any area which has a predominantly urban character under the District Plan prepared by the Council.

1302 STOCK IN URBAN AREAS

Any person keeping stock in an urban area shall ensure that premises where stock are kept meet such conditions as may be prescribed by an authorized officer.

1303 POULTRY KEEPING



1303.1

No poultry caged or otherwise (which shall include geese, ducks, pigeons, turkeys, and domestic fowls of all descriptions) shall be kept in a predominantly urban area except 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 nib wall, to which a poultry run may be attached.

1303.2

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

1303.3

Every poultry run shall be enclosed to confine the poultry.

1303.4

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.

1304 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.

1305 BEE KEEPING

1305.1

No person shall keep bees if in the opinion of an authorized officer the keeping of bees is, or is likely to become a nuisance or annoyance to any person or potentially dangerous or injurious to health.

1305.2

An authorized 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.

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Amendment to the Buller District Council general bylaw

NZS 9201 Part 13 The Keeping of Animals

Section 1306 The keeping of cats

- 1306.1 In areas other than those zoned rural, no person within the district shall allow or cause to remain or keep more than three cats of a greater age than six months, which are deemed to be annoying or troublesome to others.
- 1306.2 On receipt of a complaint signed by not less than three householders, the Council may, after investigation, serve a notice requiring a reduction of cat numbers. This bylaw section shall not apply to any premises approved for the business of boarding or breeding cats, or any veterinary practice or SPCA shelter.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS PROPOSED KEEPING OF ANIMALS BYLAW 2022			
#	Name	Summary of Submission	Relief Sought
1	Jim Risk & Yvonne Ward	Snodgrass to be rural (not included in the urban area)	1. Snodgrass to be excluded from urban area
2	Jackie Mathers & Bart Gillman	Urban boundary should match residential zoning in current District Plan and settlement in proposed TTPP. By including rural areas opening door for vexatious claims against rural dwellers. Boundary lines as drawn are arbitrary.	1. Urban boundary should match residential zoning in current District Plan and settlement in proposed TTPP
3	Kim Ashby	Disagree with increase to 4 cats per dwelling	1. Only 3 cats per property
4	Jeff Richards		
5	Gary Jeffery	<p>1. Urban area bee keeping - bees are needed to pollinate fruit and vegetable crops. Desirable to have a pair. Hives with vegetation or building between them and neighbouring property forces bees to fly higher and avoid problems. Up to 5 hives</p> <p>2. Rural - since the manuka honey gold rush there have been issues and often too many hives.</p> <p>3. MPI should be involved in urban situation - every beekeeper pays a levy for each apiary location</p>	1. Reasonable sized urban property can have up to 5 hives without problems
6	Annemarie & Kevin Jackson	<p>1. Owned and grazed property within urban area for 25 years. Double fencing property (to keep 2m from boundary) - who pays and it causes issues with growth and fire danger. Loss of land utilisation - compensation ?</p> <p>2. Increasing cat number to 4 endangers native bird species</p> <p>3. Rabbits not mentioned - becoming major problem in town area and damage.</p>	<p>1. No 2m separation between animals and next door property</p> <p>2. No increase in cat numbers</p> <p>3. Manage rabbit pest population with regulations</p>
7	Kelly Reedy	<p>1. Snodgrass Road is rural (post) Rural settlement (TTPP). Like to have rooster and other animals</p> <p>2. Livestock 2m from boundary - if choose to live next door to</p>	<p>1. Review urban boundary (Snodgrass)</p> <p>2. Remove 2m from boundary for livestock</p> <p>3. 2-3 cats in urban area</p>

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		lifestyle/rural block should not complain . 3. two to three cats in urban area - native bird protection 4, Support many of the other proposals for true urban properties	
8	Sue Hattersley	1. Amend 7.1 to reduce cat numbers due to threat to native wildlife - they are ruthless hunters and kill copious numbers of birds, lizards and invertebrates. 2. Amend 8.2 to reduce number of poultry to 6. This is more than adequate to feed family of 5 people.	1. Maximum 2 cats 2. Maximum 6 chickens
9	Kelly Reedy (Supplementary)	Further to #7 1. Revisit urban boundaries 2. Currently have chickens, roosters, cats, ponies, horse, cattle and sheep surrounded by similar properties. 3. If minority complains would be forced to abate 4. Rural town should have a rural belt on the edges. 5. During Red warnings Snodgrass residents told to evacuate stock without any help but now being told what we can keep. 6. Talk to other agencies who consider Snodgrass to be Rural. 6. Save the Victoria Park Rooster	1. Review urban area boundaries to exclude areas like Snodgrass Road
10	Westport Trotting Club	1. Urban boundary should exclude the racecourse. 2. Local trainers use facilities on regular basis and also location of the A and P show. 3. Westport Trotting Club provide and maintain facilities bringing financial benefits to whole district and providing iconic Boxing Day meets.	1. exclude Patterson Park from the urban area on the same basis as the Pony Club and Reefton Racecourse
11	Glenys Adams	One cat is sufficient	one cat only
12	Pat Reedy	Against increasing cat number to 4 - one per dwelling	One cat per dwelling
13	Ross & Marlene Burrow	Totally against bylaw allowing 4 cats	Not 4 cats
14	Hayden & Lisa Ferguson	Strongly disagree with 4 cats provision - dog owners have restrictions on them whereas cats roam free	Not 4 cats

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15	Gerald Hart	1. One cat per household too many. 2. council should think long and hard about this important decision	No Cats
16	Sue & John Bennett	Cats toilet in the garden and spray on front door. Bird life great at Carter's Beach. Against increase to 4 cats per household	Not 4 cats
17	Lorraine Richards		
18	Ross Eddy	1. No pig keeping in urban areas. 2. No roosters in urban areas. 3. No increase from 3 cats per household in urban areas	1. No pig keeping or roosters in urban areas. 2. No increase from 3 cats per household in urban areas
19	Lee-Ann Avery	Against increase to 4 cats per property. NZ spends millions of dollars protecting native birds. Birds in garden being killed by cats. Cats use other properties for toileting.	1. Cats per household remain at 3. 2. Should be desexed and vaccinated as well.
20	Brent Oldman	1. Include Charleston town in urban areas. 2. Agree with banning roosters and loud livestock. 3. Disagree with 4 cats per household - difficult to contain, abandoned and neglected, threat to native wildlife. Ideally no cats but support 2 per household	1. Include Charleston in urban areas 2. Maximum 2 cats per household
21	Mr Heslop	Stench from cows at Market Cross worse than noises from chickens and roosters	
22	Ben Leech	1. Opposes 4 cats per household as they are a nuisance breed. 2. Karamea is a rural community - no need to have these rules and regulations	1. Opposes 4 cats per household. 2. Exclude Karamea from Urban area
23	A-M Goulding	Oppose 4 cats limit but maybe if they had more (unless breeding), they must be spayed or neutered	
24	Kathryn Bainbridge	Number of cats should be 2 and require desexing and microchipping - native birdlife suffering	1. Maximum number of cats per household - 2. 2. Requirement for desexing and microchipping
25	Shona Coles		
26	Erin McLean	Keep cats indoors at night, One cat per household, make owners responsible for animals and damage caused.	1. Require cats to be kept indoors at night. 2. Maximum of one cat per household 3. make owners responsible for damage caused

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27	Alex Edwards	1. All cats should be microchipped, desexed and registered. 2. All cats kept indoors or catteries. 3. if not complying with 1. above - limit to one per household. Roaming cats killing wildlife, carry dangerous toxoplasmosis.	1. All cats should be microchipped, desexed and registered. 2. All cats kept indoors or catteries. 3. if not complying with 1. above - limit to one per household
28	Shayne Barry	Number of cats no more than 2	Maximum number of cats - 2
29	Gerald Freeman	1. Cats to be treated like dogs: Licenced, kept under control, microchipped, only 2 per household and inducement to neuter leading to fewer cats killed on roads, better care by owners and less damage to wildlife and gardens. 2. owners should be responsible for containment of stock and take responsibility for damage done if cattle or sheep escape	1. Licence cats. 2. Keep cats under control at all times. 3. Microchip cats. 4. Maximum 2 cats per household. 5. Inducements to neuter cats 6. Owner responsibility for damage done by escaped cattle and sheep
30	Sophie		
31	Gemma Main	Council should not be involved in this matter.	
32	Sharon McLeod	Chickens should be in fenced areas and not allowed to enter other properties	1. Contain chickens within owners property
33	Vicki	Snodgrass is not urban, reason for living there is to have sheep, cows and horses	1. Remove Snodgrass area from urban boundary
34	Caitlin Ansley	Council should consult with the community and listen. Stop penalising people and creating bylaws and fees.	
35	Jo Newburry	Agreement with all proposals except increase in cats. Large number of domestic cats already, animal welfare agencies over run with cats and kittens, create havoc for wildlife and neighbours (toileting in gardens, feral cats on increase as un-desexed cats breeding).	1. No increase in number of cats per household
36	Hans Wiskerke	1. Cats are apex predators 2. Roaming cats cause damage to wildlife outside the 'urban' zone 3. Cats toileting in in others gardens (risk of disease if in vegetable garden) 4. Territorial animals and noisy 5. Compulsory micro-chipping would	1. Maximum number of cats - 1 2. Microchipped at 4 weeks 3. Kept within property boundaries

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		allow identification of owners if cats trespassing on other properties	
37	John Main		
38	Dave	Increase in number of cats would be a disaster for wildlife and birds. Violent and predatory. Would decimate only just recovering wildlife	1. No more cats
39	Margaret Mackley	Karamea surrounded by national park - blue duck, kiwi, takahe and rock wren. Cats can travel long distances if allowed to roam.	1. Cats to be treated as other animals and kept on property. 2. No increase in numbers - should be reduced.
40	W Barry Thomson	Karamea surrounded by National park and ecologically significant estuary. Karamea Estuary Enhancement Project have a trapping program. Roaming cats are the problem.	1. Contain cats on owners property
41	Sacha Healey	Cats are a top predator, using poisons in landscapes to reduce predation of native fauna. Must protect fragile, valued species.	No increase in number of cats per household
42	Kair Lippiatt	1. Inaccurate maps - should align to existing BDC district plan and proposed TTPP maps. Make maps more detailed and align with rural residential boundaries. Some rural sections split in two. 2. Granity is not urban like Westport - in TTPP 'settlement zone'. Should allow to continue to live off land and have one rooster per property. 3. Reduce cats to one or two per household and sinking lid. Cats are pests. Could be exempt if owner can prove it is an inside cat.	1. Align boundaries to district plan zones 2. Exclude Granity from Urban definition. 3. Cat number down to one or two with sinking lid - exemptions if proven indoor cat.
43	Karl Barlow	1. Snodgrass area is rural area currently, in TTPP and rural postal delivery. Zone as rural - number of properties existing farms and lifestyle blocks. 2. oppose increase in cats - destroying native fauna.	1. Exclude Snodgrass area from urban area - Urban boundaries stop at westside of Orowaiti Bridge 2. no increase in cat numbers per household

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44	Renee Jones	<p>1. Bee-keeping - In urban areas with close neighbours difficult to have more than 5 hives .in semi-rural townships anything over 1 acre could support 10 hives to be economical. e.g. 500m² 2 is about right, 1500m² approx. 5. 10-15 hives should be maximum under 1ha and agree all NZ laws and conditions should be upheld.</p> <p>2. Checking with commercial bee-keepers on regulations - would be fair to have more than one opinion as beekeeping is competitive industry. Bigger companies putting 30-40 hives per site to push other out.</p> <p>3. Livestock - people have large sections to have more livestock - animals must be kept in a humane way.</p>	Semi rural town - 500m ² - 2 hives, 1500m ² - 5 hives, 1ha - 10-15 maximum.
45	Lisa Gregory	<p>1. Past experience with disruption and sleep deprivation with 4am crowing of rooster in Westport. Should only be in low population areas and away from houses.</p> <p>2. No increase in cats - impacts of roaming cats on wildlife.</p>	<p>1. Support rooster ban in urban area.</p> <p>2. Oppose increase in number of cats</p>
46	Tania Reynolds	<p>1. Snodgrass Road has many larger blocks with animals - very much rural environment. Also included in TTPP as General Rural.</p> <p>2. Maps include portions of working farms of Utopia Road.</p>	Remove Snodgrass Road from Urban area - stop urban area west bank of Orowaiti River
47	Companion Animals NZ/Sarah Olson	<p>1. Desexing cats is part of responsible cat ownership. Large numbers of stray cats - can breed with un-desexed owned cats. Can rapidly increase cat population. 1.7 cats per NZ household and 15% of them un-desexed. Thousands of cats and kittens taken to shelters each year. Desexing also has disease prevention and behavioural improvement benefits.</p> <p>2. Microchipping cats has many benefits - locating lost cats, locating owners of injured cats, less time in the animal shelter, nuisance cats owners identified.</p> <p>3. Five councils doing this already</p>	<p>1. Mandatory desexing of cats by 4 months. (exemptions for registered breeders or vet certifies desexing would adversely affect health/welfare)</p> <p>2. Mandatory microchipping of cats</p>

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48	Willie McLaughlin	1. Do not support wording of proposed by law - unreasonable, overly restrictive and insufficient justification for level of restriction for all animals except cats. 2. Do not support proposed urban area boundaries - many rural and rural-residential areas inappropriately included and proposed urban areas not included	1. Do not support wording of proposed by law or proposed boundaries of urban areas.
49	Ann Blythe	No roosters in Urban areas	1. Support roosters banned in urban areas
50	Rebecca Walker	Urban area boundary through working farmland	1. Revisit urban area boundary (McKenna Road)
51	Elizabeth Duncan	1. Snodgrass is zoned rural and TTPP general rural. Contradictory to class as urban in bylaw. No consideration of reverse sensitivity issues 2. 13.1 and 13.2 'become offensive' term is too subjective and use of screen impractical 3. Existing land use should be considered e.g. hen house existing before neighbouring land built on should comply 4. Meaning of Clause 11.1 'keep livestock 2m from a boundary' ? Strip of land becomes unusable - fire risk, noxious weeds. 5. Noise requires further clarification - how do you stop cows mooing or sheep baaing. 6. 'Fees payable (Clause 14) ambiguous - should be clearly outlined when fees required. 7. Timing - Snodgrass Road currently being hammered with regulations and restriction. Only thing land suitable for is keeping stock.	1. Snodgrass not suitable for 'urban' definition 2. review 13.1 and 13.2 measures re. livestock slaughter 3. Consider existing use rights for non-complying uses e.g. hen houses 4. Refine 11.1 (existing uses) and impractical 2m rule 5. Noise 11.2 needs clarification 6. Fees Payable (clause 14) needs clarification
52	Glen Duncan	As for #51 above	As for # 51 above
53	Anna O'Toole	Inclusion of Westport racecourse land in urban area - with accompanying restrictions re. nuisance. Huge impact for Westport and Buller. Land and facilities used on permanent basis. Events bring financial gain to district. A and P show also affected. Pony club land excluded as is Reefton racecourse -	1. Exclude racecourse land from urban area

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		review boundary to exclude racecourse land	
54	Wayde Dunlop	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poultry and poultry runs should be located in line with general rules regarding livestock i.e replace 9.2b with 11.1 (only if cause a nuisance should livestock be kept 2m from boundary). 9.2b will restrict area for runs and reduce grassed area for chickens. Or reference General rule of avoiding nuisance Rule 6. Other rules sufficient. 2. Bees – 10.6 max. number of hives should be 3. Need two hives to one hive in spring when hives are split creating nucleus hives. OR removing rule 10.7 b) i. would also work as this would avoid having to have a quarter acre section and allow smaller sections to manage hives if approved. Definition of nucleus hive as a hive causes issues. 3. Essentially – need three ‘hives’ at the end of spring to have two hives in winter to have a good chance of one hive the following spring. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove 9.2b (location of poultry houses and runs) rules with Rule 11.1 (general livestock) rules or the general Rule 6. 2. 10.6 – increase to three hives
55	Ruth Vaega	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No more than 2 cats per household anywhere (7.1) 2. Cats MUST be desexed if more than one, include terms and conditions as council considers appropriate in the circumstances, including requirement for desexing.(7.3) 3. Agree no roosters, ganders peacocks in urban areas (8.1) Except the Vic Square rooster to remain 4. Disagree with 12 hens - 6 maximum unless commercial venture in rural area 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. two cats maximum on any property (urban and rural) 2. desexing of cats 3. Max. 6 hens
56	Richard and Ingrid Taylor	Oppose increase in number of cats to 4 - should be fostering and protecting native flora and fauna. Support DOC and Local gardeners who are encouraging native birds with plantings and feeders	1. Reduce Max. number of cats per household to 2 - if more already in a household allow to live out natural lives.

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57	Paul Murray	Karamea is rural and remote - can hear the sounds of rural NZ. Living remotely people need to keep animals for food, weed control, natural fertiliser and recycling scraps as there is a lack of services	Back off on the proposed changes to the bylaw. Concentrate on important issues e.g. sorting out discrepancies in the addresses in Karamea.
58	Kyle Avery	Graze livestock on paddocks within town boundaries. Bylaw will impact negatively. If one neighbour complains may have to remove livestock. Also TTPP will reduce land use options as there may be a building ban. Same as Snodgrass.	General issues with livestock provisions in urban areas
59	Jared Avery	As for #58 above	As for #58 above
60	Brett Avery	As for #58 above	As for #58 above
61	Paul Avery (1)	As for #58 above	As for #58 above
62	Paul Avery (2)	As for #58 above	As for #58 above
63	Frida Inta	<p>1. No need to replace existing by law to control noisy poultry</p> <p>2. Cl 3.1 - crowing rooster does not affect public health and safety</p> <p>3. Nuisance (interpretation) - some people like roosters crowing, it depends on perception. Should be on case by case basis.</p> <p>4. Noise - should be measured in decibel level</p> <p>5. Urban Areas - need to be tightened up using GPS</p> <p>6. Keeping of Animals 6.1 - Question how to determine something is likely to become a nuisance or offensive. Also why use 'in the opinion of Council'? Need facts not opinions. Delete or heavily amend 6.1.</p> <p>7. Keeping of Poultry - no roosters, ganders or peacocks - ADD if they are a nuisance. Needs more balance.</p> <p>8. Urban area limit 12 head of poultry - should be per spatial extent (size of property) as some properties within urban area could be an acre.</p> <p>9. Cl 6.4 - No nuisance to 'any' person - could lead to one person in a neighbourhood to get relief at expense of neighbourhood.</p> <p>10. Cl 9.1 - objects to use of 'chicken' - use poultry. No distinction between poultry kept domestically and for commercial purposes.</p>	<p>1. Issues with interpretation of nuisance.</p> <p>2. Noise measured in decibels</p> <p>3. Urban area boundaries defined better (GPS)</p> <p>4. Use of opinion rather than fact re. 6.1 - delete or heavily amend</p> <p>5. Apply ban of roosters, ganders and peacocks only if cause a nuisance.</p> <p>6. Number of poultry should be related to property size.</p> <p>7. Use 'poultry' rather than chicken term</p> <p>8. Domestic vs. commercial poultry (and pigs) - commercial should be more restrictive.</p> <p>9. Recognise existing use rights for existing poultry houses</p> <p>10. Provide pigs with same level of protection re. shelter and conditions as poultry.</p> <p>11. Need hot line for immediate reporting slaughtering breaches.</p>

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		<p>Commercial would require further boundary distance - same for pigs</p> <p>11. Cl 9.1 if poultry house is maintained to bylaw standard 1m from boundary is adequate - also needs to be existing use rights for those already established (reference to RMA).</p> <p>12 Cl. 12 - pig keeping needs to require adequate shelter for pigs. Also should there be constraint on number of pigs allowed. Need similar requirements to Poultry.</p> <p>13. Cl 13 - Slaughter of animals provisions - agrees with these but written abatement notice system too slow, need hotline and immediate action.</p> <p>14. Cl 15.2 Operational policies should be transparent and made publicly available</p>	
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	ISSUE	SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED	SUBMISSION NUMBER
Urban Area Boundaries Appendix One	Exclude Snodgrass from Urban Area	7	1/7/9/33/43/46/51
	General review of urban boundary	2	48/63
	Exclude Westport racecourse from urban area	2	10/53
	Exclude Granity from urban area	1	42
	Exclude farmland McKenna Road	1	50
	Exclude Karamea	1	22
	Include Charleston in urban area	1	20
	Align urban areas to district plan zones	2	2/42
Keeping of cats in an urban area (section 7, p.3)	Object to 4 cats – no further recommendation	4	13/14/16/22
	3 cats (status quo)	9	3/6/7/18/35/38/41/43/45
	3 cats and All cats desexed and microchipped	1	19
	3 cats and kept on property	1	39
	2 cats	4	8/20/28/56
	2 cats and desexed	1	55
	2 cats and desexed and microchipped	1	24
	1 cat	3	11/12/42
	1 cat, kept indoors at night	1	26
	1 cat, microchipped and kept on property	1	36
	All cats microchipped, desexed and registered + kept indoors	1	27

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	Mandatory desexing and microchipping	1	47
	Use same rules for cats and dogs - licenced, under control, microchipped, incentives to neuter. Max. number 2	1	29
	Contain cats on property	2	39/40
	No Cats	1	15
Keeping of Poultry in an urban area and Poultry houses and poultry runs (Section 8, p. 3 and Section 9, p.4)	Maximum number of 6 chickens	2	8/55
	Contain chickens within property	1	32
	Support Rooster ban	3	18/45/49
	Ban on roosters, ganders and peacocks only if cause nuisance	1	63
	Poultry numbers - relate to property size	1	63
	Poultry keeping/housing rules should be the same as Livestock rules (11.1)	1	54
Bee-Keeping and Keeping Bees in an urban area (Section 10 p. 5)	Hive numbers increase to 3	1	54
	Hive numbers increase to 5	1	5
	Semi rural town - 500m ² - 2 hives, 1500m ² - 5 hives, 1ha - 10-15 maximum.	1	44
Keeping of Livestock in an urban area (Section 11, p.6)	Livestock up to boundary, 2m rule unworkable	3	6/51/52
	General issues with rules related to livestock keeping in urban areas	6	6/58/59/60/61/62
	Livestock owners be responsible for any damage caused outside property	1	29
Pig keeping (section 12, p. 6)	Give pigs same protection as poultry	1	63
	Ban pigs in urban areas	1	18

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Slaughter of Livestock (Section 13, p. 7)	Immediate reporting line for livestock slaughtering breaches	1	63
	Use of 'offensive' subjective and screens impractical	2	51/52
Commercial vs. Domestic	Distinguish between commercial and domestic poultry and pigs	1	63
Existing use rights	Existing use rights for non-complying uses e.g. hen houses	3	51/52/63
Clarification and further definition	Clarification needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noise, • fees payable, • nuisance, • offensive (livestock slaughter) 	3	51/52/63
Bylaw	Council should not be making the bylaw	4	31/34/48/57



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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

We disagree with the new proposed Animal bylaws
As we have owned the property for 60yrs
and has been classified as RURAL all that
time should remain as the livestock block we
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The boundary lines for "urban" should match and encompass only residentially zoned properties as per the current district plan and settlement zones as per the proposed TTPP.

Including rural land in this bylaw is not achieving the aims of the bylaw for urban areas. By including rural land on the fringes of urban areas you are opening the door to potentially vexatious or scurrilous claims being made against rural folk who are just doing what they must to survive on pockets of rural land. This bylaw should only apply in residential or settlement zones.

The boundary lines drawn are arbitrary and have no basis on which landowners can rely.

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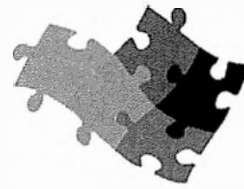


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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Yes i do thanks .

I disagree with the proposed by law,
increasing cat numbers to 4
Per dwelling, from 3.

At the submission meeting, I will
speak and give my reason for
disagreeing.

Regards Kim .

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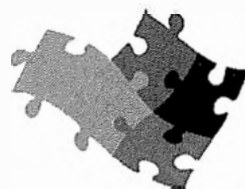
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Buller District Council Beekeeping Bylaw

Submission from Gary Laughlin Jeffery BSc previously an Apicultural Advisory Officer in the Dept of Agriculture and gave advice on matters such as the location of beehives.

There are two aspects for BDC to consider, the first the Urban area. Within the town a good number of hives should be available to pollinate fruit and vegetable crops. Such hives should be of a quiet temperament and desirable to be a pair to allow for replacing a hive that may not last the winter. If the hives can have vegetation or a building between them and the neighbouring property it will force the bees to fly higher, reducing spotting of washing etc. The resulting pollination will reward the occasional spot. A reason sized property could have up to 5 hives without causing a problem.

The Rural situation is quite different as since the Manuka Honey Gold Rush, many larger beekeepers have ignored the usual ethics and often put far too many hives in apiaries about a mile between which gave adequate pollination located to suit the landowner.

However, when those chasing manuka honey removing their honey crop can often set off bad robbing with their bees liable to sting without warning and will put several hundred hives in one area to obtain pollen to keep the hives alive until the next manuka season.

MPI should become involved to regulate the new urban situation. All beekeeping pays a levy for each apiary location so avoid duplication it by imposing a new registration cost.

Christchurch used to have over 1000 hives registered with MPI performing good pollination for the community.

Trusting this submission will help.

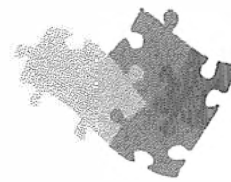
PS Bees will not sting unless accidentally squashed or stood on.

Yours Gary Jeffery



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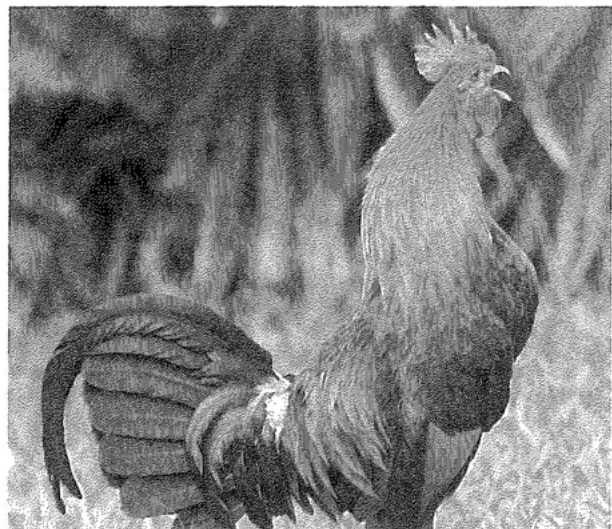
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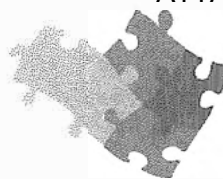
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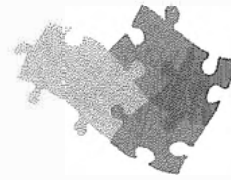


FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

- A We have owned and grazed our property at 22B Eastons Road Westport 7825 for the past twenty five (25) years. Why is our right and ability to do so in the same manner changing?
- 1) If we have to double fence our property to enable a two (2) metre wide separation between neighbouring properties - who will be responsible + finance the maintenance of this strip? as if it is not maintained it will revert to gorse + long grass which in turn becomes a fire hazard in the summer months.
- 2) Would we be granted a rate relief for loss of land utilisation or is the council proposing to purchase this land for a reserve?
- B Costs - we note the number of adult cats per household will increase from three (3) to four (4) surely this will further endanger

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our native bird species that we are trying to protect?

≡ Rabbits. While not mentioned in the Proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw document ~~The~~ Rabbits have become a major problem in recent years in the borough area causing wide spread damage to our lawns, fruit trees and gardens. Would it not be prudent to manage the ever increasing rabbit pest population by way of Rabbit Keeping regulations?

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I live at Snodgrass Road. — Rural Post

— TPPD — classed as Rural

I have 8 acres, I request that council ^{Settlement} reviews the Zoning of some rural areas or at least the properties within it that are rural!

I would like to still be able to have a rooster! ^{Pigs, hogs, cattle, etc.}
the 2mtr ^{back} boundary from neighbours - for livestock
sorry but If you choose to live/build next to a lifestyle/rural block and complain is ridiculous.

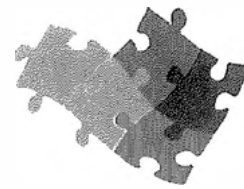
I oppose the 4 cat increase - 2-3 plenty - in urban areas there is a struggle throughout NZ on the native birds because of Urban Cats/feral cats.

However for 'True' urban properties I support many of the proposals, not the cat increase however.

~~Then~~ Please contact me to further discuss.

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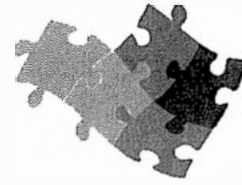
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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Please amend 7.1 "Keeping of cats in an urban area." Four cats is far too many. Cats are the "elephant-in-the-room" to our native wild life & are rarely kept indoors at night. A responsible council should amend the number from 4 to 2 please.

Please amend 8.2 "Keeping of poultry in an urban area."

I would like the number of poultry to be changed from 12 to 6. We keep hens & have done for many years and 6 was more than adequate to feed our family of 5. 12 is more like a commercial operation.

* Cats, both domestic & wild, are ruthless hunters of our fauna. Vic Uni researchers put cameras on household cats & found lots of so-called "pet" hunters killed copious amounts of birds, lizards & ~~invertebrates~~ invertebrates.

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

This is an additional submission to my other one.

I would like the Urban area boundaries to be revisited - many rural/lifestyle properties are unfairly included. I also believe areas of Utopia / Carter's beach should be included. example - A dairy shed in Karamea included in proposal!

On my 8 acres at Snodgrass I currently have - chickens - 14 roosters, cats, ~~the~~ ponies, horses, cattle, sheep. ... surrounded / ^{boundaried} by mostly other rural blocks of land, livestock. How can it be that if a minority complains I have to ABATE (whatever that means) my animals. of which are pets.

For the sake of the neighbour who has moved in full well knowing there are livestock nearby.

As a Rural town I believe should have rural belts on edges of towns.

And on another point Snodgrass of which is not included in the Flood ^{plan} proposal yet we are told to evacuate our stock on each Red warning with no assistance of council now being dictated to of how they should be kept, what we can have, etc. ...

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all government agencies who deem Snodgrass at RURAL

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Westport Trotting Club

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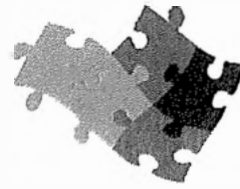
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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

We believe the proposed boundary of the urban area in Westport should be moved to exclude the racecourse

The local trainers use the facilities on a full time basis to train horses

The A + P association use the facilities for their annual show

The Westport Trotting Club at no expense to the town maintain the facilities so they can hold their racemeetings which bring financial benefits to the whole district as well as providing one of New Zealand's iconic boxing day meets

We believe Patterson Park should be excluded on the same basis as the pony club and the Reelton racecourse

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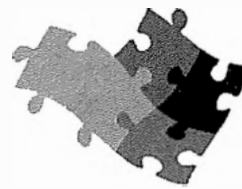
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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I own my one cat and that is sufficient.

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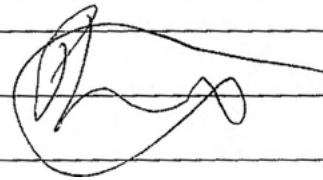


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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I am against increasing cat
number to 4, in regarded
to the new proposed bylaw
Decrease cat number
to one per dwelling



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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

*Rees : I are totally against the By Law
of allowing people to have four cats.*

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Hayden and Lisa Ferguson

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

We strongly disagree with the submission of four cats allowed in a residential area. As dog owners, there are so much restrictions and handling requirements, responsibility to pick up after your dog, whereas cats roam free around the neighbourhood, digging out plants, pooping wherever they wish to.
Who in there right mind would want more than that!!

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GERALD HART

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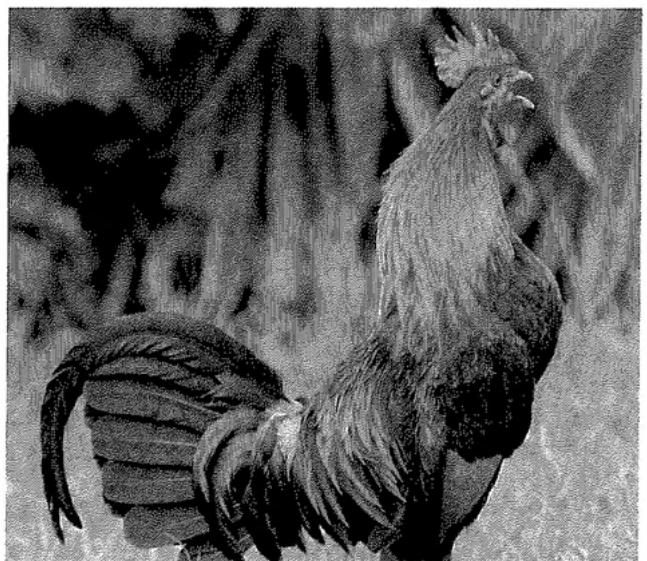


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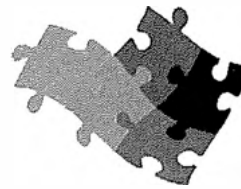


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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Why does our council have to be like
sheep and follow the rest of the councils.

Personally I think one cat per household is one
to many. Really, they can be very affectionate when
they are hungry. As this is only a personal opinion
I would like to think our council will think
long and hard about this very important decision.

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Sue & John Bennett

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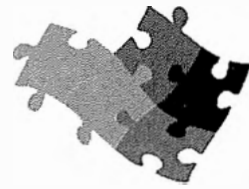
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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

As being avid gardeners there is nothing worse than one digging in the garden to come across Cat "Poo" and to have cat pee sprayed @ your front door.

We have great bird life @ Carters Beach which we feed twice daily.

The last thing we need or want with this proposed Bylaw is to increase to 4 Cats per house hold.

We all know like dogs Cats don't pee and poo on there own property.

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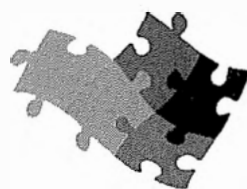
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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

No to Pig keeping in urban areas
of the Buller District

No to keeping of Roosters in urban areas
of the Buller District

No to any increase from 3 cats per
household in the urban areas of the
Buller District.

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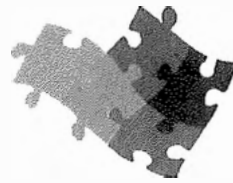


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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I am against the proposal to increase the number of cats per property to 4. NZ has spent millions of dollars doing 1080 drops in order to protect of native bird life. It is a contradiction to then allow a larger number of cats which will undoubtedly result in a reduction in bird numbers.

Outside my bedroom window I have a tree that tui's love to feed from & much to my delight Bell birds have been seen. Sadly, I often see cats sitting at the base of the tree eyeing up the birds who regard them as food. The little wax eye birds are slaughtered on a regular basis. I'm a keen gardener and cat poop really makes me angry - have you ever pulled weeds and/or knelt in cat poop? every cat in adjacent properties likes to use my garden as a communal toilet.

I propose that the cats per property remain at 3 and that they should be desexed to prevent a population explosion. Cat vaccination to prevent the spread of cat flu would be a plus. Please consider my submission.

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name Brent Oldham
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Email address
Phone number

Q2

I do not wish to speak to my submission

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Q3

No

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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I would like to see Charleston township in the listed areas that the proposed bylaw will cover.

I agree with the proposal to ban roosters and loud livestock from the areas.

I do not agree with increasing the limit of cats to 4 per household.

Cats are difficult to contain, are often abandoned or neglected by irresponsible owners and are a significant threat to our native wildlife.

While the ideal number of cats per property, in my opinion, is zero I would support a reduction to two per household.

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CONTACT DETAILS

Name Mr Heslop
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 Email address

Q2

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

The proposed area, contains farmlands, the stench at market cross of cow shit, is at times really bad. Far worse than the noises from a few chickens and roosters etc. But as the current excuse of a mayor is a farmer, nothing like that will be addressed. Suggest this excuse for a council, should really be concentrating on more urgent matters, i.e. the cleaning of water culverts, in areas where they haven't been touched for years. This is just another way of implementing the proposal that was turned down last year. This cline joker needs to Go.

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CONTACT DETAILS

Name Ben leech
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Q2

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Why should each house hold be able to have 4 cats?these animals are a nuisance breed like wild fire an wipe out the bird population! It's bad enough the department of conservation haven't stopped the 1080 drops! I also feel it is unjust to propose/push these new rules an regulations on the good people of karamea we are a rural community surrounded by farms an life style property's an that's the way we like it! An would like too keep it that way! There are enough bylaws already in place! This just feels like a money grab! The Corrupt Buller District Council just trying too squeeze more money out of the people an impose more power by BS... bylaws

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CONTACT DETAILS

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I don't agree to the limited of 4 cats but maybe if people have more, unless for breeding purposes they must be spayed/ neutered

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Name Kathryn Bainbridge
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No

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I am concerned about the number of cats per household. I believe it should be limited to 2 and they should be desexed and chipped. Our native birdlife suffers with too many uncontrolled cats, they are left to breed and go wild.

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

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CONTACT DETAILS

Name Erin McLean
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Q3

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Cats should be kept indoors at night. One per household is more than enough. Especially when not desexed they are a nuisance to neighbours. Owners should be responsible for their animals and damage caused.

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CONTACT DETAILS

Name **Alex Edwards**
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 Email address
 Phone number

Q2

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Q3

No

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

My submission regards the keeping of cats.

I would like to see bylaws around the keeping of cats totally transformed - I believe all cats should be required by law to be microchipped, desexed and registered. Cats should be kept indoors or in catteries. As far as the number of cats an individual is allowed to keep, I am not too worried as long as they are kept controlled, desexed, microchipped and registered. If they are not held to this standard, then I believe the number of cats allowed to be kept should be reduced to one.

It is well known the affect that cats have on our native wildlife. Currently they are allowed to roam and kill wildlife without restriction. Cats also spread toxoplasmosis which can be fatal for animals and can also be dangerous for humans. I strongly believe that we should protect our wildlife by not allowing cats to roam - our wildlife is incredibly unique after all, and most species here are found no where else in the world.

The West Coast has absolutely incredible and awe inspiring scenery, which is why I love living here, and why tourists come from all around the world to visit the West Coast. Let's keep it that way and protect it for future generations. I want to see native birds outside, not cats.

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CONTACT DETAILS

Name Shayne Barry
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Email address

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Q3

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

The number of cats a person can keep - I believe it should be no more than 2.

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CONTACT DETAILS

Name **Gerald Freeman**
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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I submit that cats should be treated in the same way as dogs ie licenced, kept under control at all times, microchipped, no more than two per household and an inducement given to neuter (lower rego fees). This would lead to fewer cats being killed on the roads and owners would look after their companion animals with less damage being done to our birds and reptiles and less fouling of gardens and children's sand pits. Also, I submit that owners of stock should be fully responsible for the containment of such stock and bear responsibility for any damage done by escaped cattle or sheep.

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CONTACT DETAILS

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

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CONTACT DETAILS

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I think the council needs to butt out and stop telling us how to live and charging us for the privilege. My goats WILL NOT BE GOING ANYWHERE and neither will my chickens. Until they becoming a problem there's no need for you to get yourselves involved. You've done enough damage to our house prices and my mental health by putting those god awful temp homes next door you're not doing anymore damage to my mental health by taking anyway my pets.

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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

We have a property in Te Miko which is very close to the national park. Neighbours allow the chickens to roam onto our property. I don't mind people keeping chooks but they need to be in fenced areas so they do not go onto other peoples properties.

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I do not wish to speak to my submission

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

So why do I pay rural post when you are classing us as urban. there are 10 acre blocks out here who have sheep cows horses that
 is the reason we live out here nothing needs to change .you don't want hear animals move to town

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Q1

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Yes

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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Yes! Get off your high horses and start making some real decisions about real things. As a younger generation wondering what my future holds i have lost all faith in our Mayor and council. Start consulting the community and actually listen instead of ignore and act like your listening after all we are who you are supposed to be working for not yourselves and your big egos. Stop penalising everybody and creating bylaws for everything. Stop creating fees for everything. Start using common sense, integrity, compassion and humility among other things to grow for the future.

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Q1

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PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

Yes

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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I agree with all proposals EXCEPT the increase of cats.

1. There are already a ridiculous number of domestic cats.
2. Our animal welfare agencies like SPCA are over run with cats and kittens due to many domestic cats being entire
- 3 also All domestic animals should require desexing and chipping Inc cats as a prerequisite of ownership
- 4if you increase permitted cat numbers without the prior requirement you are adding to the issue.
5. Cats Inc domestic wreak havoc on wildlife why do we want more
- 6 its unfair to neighbors as cats roam defecating in yards esp vege gardens thus a health hazard and thee is no legal recompense
- 7 feral cat populations are on the increase due to dumped cats increasing permitted amounts of undesexed cats I'd contributing to this.

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PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I am amazed by the proposal to increase the number of cats from 3 to 4, and the superficial reasoning given for this increase ("This is in line with

a number of other councils around New Zealand. " as stated in the Statement of Proposal, page 5, section on Cats).

While I am not opposed to people keeping pets as companion pets, I would like to draw attention to the negative effects that cats can have, and which will be expected to increase if the number of allowable cats per household is increased:

1. As apex predators, the effects of cats hunting and killing native wildlife such as birds and skinks are well documented. It is rather ridiculous that the council prides itself on participating in an Environmental Restoration Hui (August 2022) and ignores well-known detrimental effects of cats on the limited bits of nature remaining in the urban areas in the Buller district.

2. While the proposed bylaw shows neatly defined urban zones, there is no reason for cats left free to roam to inflict damage to nature outside these urban zones. Think about this as a 'negative halo-effect' - not good!

3. Cats are quite often not restrained within the house or section of the owner, allowing the cats to pee and defaecate elsewhere. Cats prefer soft soil, so they can cover their excrements, and most people with a garden will have experienced their hands being soiled by leftovers from visiting cats. Even worse if this happens in a vegetable garden, as this increases the risk of disease transfer from cats to humans.

4. Cats are territorial, and especially during their mating season their noisy behaviour can be seriously annoying for anyone trying to sleep, or just enjoy the outdoor soundscape.

5. The proposed council bylaw makes no mention of compulsory micro-chipping of cats, so in case of cats trespassing onto neighboring properties, it is impossible to find out directly who the owner is and ask them to address their pet's behaviour.

Therefore, rather than follow what other councils supposedly are allowing, I would propose that Buller Council allows only one cat per household, to be micro-chipped within 4 weeks of age, and to be kept within the boundaries of the owner's section. This would show Buller Council's leadership with respect to the undesirable effects of too many cats.

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Q3

Yes

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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

The new bylaw

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Q2

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Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

The increase in the amount of domestic cats the Buller region per household would be a complete disaster for the wildlife and bird life of this beautiful district. Domestic cats are the most violent and predatory animals in this particular district. And we do not need more of them. If we are to live in a wild beautiful west coast region, that is promoting this beauty and wildlife, wilderness, then we do not need, absolutely do not need anymore cats. This would decimate the only just recovering wildlife

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

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Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Section 6.3

Delete "cats" as these animals should be confined to the owner's property as required for poultry and other animals. Responsible cat owners keep their cats either indoors or in specially constructed runs. Our township is surrounded by national park where attempts are being made to ensure the survival of a number of species of native birds - blue duck, kiwi, takahe and rock wren among them. It is irresponsible of the owners of predator species such as cats to allow them to roam at will, as cats have been known to travel great distances. Our township is adjacent to a significant river estuary where a number of threatened species nest. A fernbird is a mere mouthful for a cat, as is a banded dotterel chick. Godwits arrive from Alaska in spring in an exhausted and vulnerable state. The proximity of the township to the estuary contributes to the threat these and other birds face if cats are allowed to roam.

I also oppose section 7.1 which allows an increase in the number of adult cats allowed in a household from three to four. If anything, the number should be being reduced. If New Zealand is serious about being predator free by 2050, it is time to start reducing the number of cats in the community, not increasing them. Cats are predators.

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Q1

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Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Re Section 6.3. The proposal to give unfettered freedom for cats to roam at will in this area is shortsighted, irresponsible, and totally at odds with the aims and aspirations the National Predator Free Policy.

The Karamea area, is surrounded by a National Park and with an ecologically significant estuary. which is not only home to many native avian species but also hosts migratory birds such as Godwits etc.[Forty different species recorded]

Local group, Karamea Estuary Enhancement Project.[Keep[which besides developing and maintaining estuary walkways, signage etc,[to which BDC and DOC have contributed financially] .have an active trapping program, with further plans to expand this considerably further.

There are feral cats living around both the Otamahana and Bakers Creek estuaries. They, along with stoats,rats.hedgehogs, do not survive on a diet of gourmet tinned food from the supermarket.

Cats are the Apex predator! Nationally we have been skirting around this issue simply because of a lack of fortitude to face up to and accept this well documented and proven fact.

Domestic cats themselves are not the issue, being set free to roam off their owners property is.

Many councils, both in

New Zealand and Australia are already reviewing and modifying their policy regarding domestic cats.

Future policy is likely to rule that domestic cats must be contained on owners property at all times,

Karamea, is

in a rather unique position because of being surrounded by Kahurangi National Park and our estuaries. Ongoing predator control is essential in helping to protect many species.

I have no issue with the numbers of cats proposed per household, provided they are kept contained on the owners premises and are not free to interbreed with feral cats or dine on birds,lizards etc.

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Q1

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Q3

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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

DO NOT increase the number of cats allowed. Cats are a known top predator; in an era when we are pouring poisons into our landscapes in an effort to reduce predation of native fauna, it is lunacy to increase the number of predators people can have at home. Nobody needs 4 cats! The number should be reduced to two cats per household.

The West Coast is a haven for endemic fauna - the Buller District Council must do everything it can to protect our fragile, valued species. There is no sane argument for allowing more cats.

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Q1

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Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Keeping of Animals bylaw

1. Inaccuracy of maps

The zones need to align with the existing zones in the BDC existing zone maps, and the proposed TTPP Maps.

Make the maps show the area affected in much more detail, down to property boundaries. Then align them with the existing rural-residential boundaries.

The red boxes on the proposal split a lot of existing rural sections in two – does this mean I'm allowed to keep roosters in one half of my paddock and not the other?

2. Gentrification

Granity is not urban in the same way as Westport. In TTPP Granity is Settlement zone, not urban zone. As TTPP stops any growth in Granity, I propose we should be allowed to survive as best we can in the meantime by living off the land, including having one rooster per property.

3. Cats

Cats to be reduced to one or two per household and with a sinking lid. They are not to be increased – cats are a pest as they destroy native wildlife: native birds, skinks, etc.

Exemptions only to be made if the owner can prove it is an inside cat

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Q1

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Q3

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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I oppose the boundaries defined by the council for the Snodgrass area in regards to the animal bylaws, we live in a rural area, and have a 8 arce lifestyle block where we raise livestock. The TTPP wants to zone us as rural, we are currently rural, we are on rural postal delivery.

You can't have it both ways. zone us rural, and then force certain urban rules on us, especially with a number of properties in Snodgrass are existing farms and lifestyle blocks.

I also oppose the 4 cats per property, ARE YOU SERIOUS!!! these things destroy our native fauna at an alarming rate, while the rest of the country tries to reduce the number of cats, you want to INCREASE the number, that is utterly senseless. the boundaries should stop at the Westside of the orowaiti bridge

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

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Q3

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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Beekeeping by-laws

you say 2 hives in urban areas. this includes semi rural townships, i agree in town with close by neighbour's that it isn't very easy to fit more than 5.. but believe anything over 1 acre would support the 10 hives per site required to be economical. 500m2 section, 2 would be about the right amount.. 1500m2 would be approx 5 hives space.

I believe 10-15 hives should be a maximum in every apiary (under 1 hectare) and agree all new zealand laws and conditions for bees should be upheld.

In regards to the process of checking with commercial beekeepers on regulations we believe would be fair to have more than one opinion as beekeeping is a competitive industry with many people from all over trying to gain sites in the area. often the bigger companies are the ones putting 30-40 hives per site to try to push others out of the area.

Livestock by-laws

Keeping in mind most people have large sections to have most livestock i.e cows sheep etc.. I am one of the people who was not aware of certain aspects of having my own sheep until after I owned them. Everyone needs to eat.. but also humane conditions for the animals..

Thanks

Renee

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Q1

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PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

Yes

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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I will be returning to live in Westport again in a few months and I, and my guests, don't want to suffer being woken daily from 4am by rooster crows. When I lived on Russell St, my guests and I were woken every morning anytime from 4 am by the rooster at Victoria Square crowing. This negatively impacted on our health, our ability to function efficiently throughout the day. Roosters in urban areas cause sleep deprivation and for this reason should only reside in low population areas and be located away from houses.

Also, when the rest of the world is becoming aware of the negative impacts roaming cats have on wildlife it does not make environmental sense to increase the number permitted. I oppose this proposed change.

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

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PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

Yes

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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I dont believe Snodgrass Road should be included as Urban in this bylaw. There are many larger blocks of land within this area which house many animals in a very much rural environment. The map also includes portions of working farms off Utopia Road which seems incorrect.

The new TTPP document proposes that Snodgrass Road be considered General Rural (i.e. not even lifestyle rural).

To include Snodgrass as urban here would create a contradiction in land uses between documents the councils plan to enforce.

Please remove Snodgrass Road from this bylaw and ensure the keeping of animals in this area is within what is expected in a RURAL environment. I suggest ammending maps so that the urban area stops on the west bank of the Orowaiti River.

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

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Q2

I wish to speak to my submission

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

No

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

No



10 October 2022

Dear Buller District Council,

Introduction

Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) is an organisation that educates the community on providing A Good Life for companion animals. CANZ is committed to animal welfare, and to advancing responsible companion animal ownership in New Zealand. Our hope is that all companion animals in New Zealand can enjoy A Good Life.

CANZ welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed changes to the Buller District Council Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022. We are specifically interested in giving feedback in relation to the management of cats.

Companion Animals NZ encourages the Buller District Council to include mandatory microchipping and desexing of cats in their Keeping of Animals (excluding dogs) Bylaw.

Scientific evidence supporting the mandatory desexing of cats

CANZ considers desexing of cats to be an essential part of responsible cat ownership. The overpopulation of cats is a well-known and recognised issue not only in New Zealand but throughout the world.

Domestic cats can reach reproductive maturity as early as 3.5 months of age (Farnworth, 2013a). Research conducted in Australia has shown that only 70% of cats are desexed prior to the age of 6

months, allowing opportunity for sexually mature cats to produce litters before they are desexed (Toukhsati, 2005).

The exact numbers of stray cats in New Zealand is not definitively known, however one study has estimated it to be around 196,000 (Farnworth, 2013b). With 89% of companion cats in New Zealand being free roaming (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2020) the likelihood of interaction between owned and stray cats is extremely high. Consequently, there is huge potential for un-desexed owned cats to mate with stray cats and produce unwanted litters which contributes towards the overall overpopulation issue in New Zealand. In the regional centres of New Zealand, 43% of households have a cat. There are an average of 1.7 cats per household (Companion Animals New Zealand, 2020 unpublished data), and 15% of these cats are not desexed. It can therefore be estimated that the Buller region contains 488 owned un-desexed cats.

Given that a female cat has an average of four kittens per litter, and can have up to three litters per year, it is easy to see how rapidly cat populations can expand. Desexing is the most affordable, sustainable, and practical solution to controlling the cat population.

Each year thousands of cats and kittens are taken to animal shelters, many of which are either unsuitable for adoption or are unable to find homes and are subsequently euthanised. There is a lack of national statistics relating to cat numbers in animal shelters, however 17,570 kittens arrived at SPCA centres across New Zealand in 2017 alone (SPCA, 2019). This is representative of the issue New Zealand wide and should be addressed through implementing mandatory desexing of owned cats to prevent unwanted litters and breeding with the stray cat population.

As well as the benefit of reducing unwanted litters and associated euthanasia as described above, there are additional benefits to the desexing of cats (Berg, n.d., Cupp, 2014). Desexed cats engage in less nuisance behaviour e.g. roaming, fighting, spraying. Desexing has important disease prevention benefits, such as reduced mammary, uterine and ovarian tumours and pyometra (uterine infection) in females, reduced risk of testicular tumours and prostate disorders including cancer in males, and an increased lifespan in both males and females.

As well as mandating the desexing of cats, CANZ believes it is important for Buller District Council to mandate the age by which cats must be desexed. As described above, age of desexing plays an important role in preventing unwanted litters and so managing the cat overpopulation problem.

The traditional age of desexing of cats is 6 months. However, research suggests there is no significant behavioural and physical advantages of desexing at this age (Joyce, 2011). The New Zealand Veterinary Association supports pre-pubertal desexing of cats from 8 weeks of age and cites benefits of early age desexing including improved population control, faster surgical procedure with less trauma and stress for the individual cat, and reduced recovery times (NZVA, 2018). CANZ recommends amending the draft bylaw to include compulsory desexing by 4 months of age.

CANZ proposes that a cat should be exempt from desexing if

- a) The cat is owned, for the purposes of breeding, by a cat breeder registered with the New Zealand Cat Fancy or Catz Incorporated
- b) The owner provides a certificate from a veterinarian stating that the desexing of the cat will adversely affect its health and/or welfare

CANZ position on mandatory microchipping of cats.

Further to the requirement for desexing cats, CANZ also suggests an addition to the bylaw mandating microchipping and registering of that microchip on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR).

An important aspect of being a responsible animal owner is ensuring your pet is identifiable. CANZ believes that all pets should be able to be identified as owned. Such identification gives the animal a greater degree of protection and a much higher chance of being returned to their home when lost or stolen. Research has indicated that return-to-owner rates for cats that are microchipped is 20 times higher than for cats that are not microchipped (Lord, 2009). It is essential that all microchips are registered on the NZCAR, as an unregistered microchip cannot be used to identify a cat as belonging to a particular owner. NZCAR is the only database available in New Zealand to register microchips for cats.

There are a number of benefits to microchipping cats, both for the owner and animal, and for Buller District Council and other Animal Welfare Organisations.

Benefits of microchipping to the owner and animal

- Microchipping allows the owner of a lost or stolen cat to be contacted so that the cat and owner can be reunited

- Owners of cats that are injured can be promptly identified and are able to make decisions about the cats' treatment
- Cats who are microchipped are able to utilise other microchip-activated devices such as microchip-activated feeders and microchip-activated cat doors

Benefits of microchipping to Buller District Council and other Animal Welfare Organisations

- Cats that are causing nuisance or are non-compliant with the bylaw e.g. not desexed, can be identified and owners can be contacted and educated about their responsibility
- Quicker repatriation by using the NZCAR means less cost for managing and feeding found animals, and less administration and time spent on trying to locate owners using social media and advertising
- Feral and stray cats are listed as a Sustained Control Animals under the Northland Regional Pest and Marine Pathway Management Plan 2017-2027. In the event that the Buller District Council were undertaking control measures for feral/stray cats, mandatory microchipping would be of great benefit in providing assurance that cats being controlled were in fact feral/stray and not pets.

What about enforceability?

We appreciate that there is no national Cat Management Act allowing enforceability of cat-specific bylaws. We believe that the creation of such an Act would allow for a significant improvement in the lives of New Zealand cats, and we are part of the National Cat Management Strategy Group advocating for the creation of such an Act.

Despite the current enforceability issues, we nevertheless encourage Buller District Council to include these provisions in their bylaw for the following reasons

- The bylaw sets an expectation of what is required to be a responsible cat owner and normalises desexing and microchipping.
- The bylaw would show Buller District Council to be leaders in animal and environmental welfare.
- The bylaw would serve as an indicator to Central Government that Local Government feels the control of cats is of importance. The more District Councils have bylaws which show the need to control cats, the more attention may be paid to the control of cats by Central Government,

ultimately resulting in effective legislative change such as the introduction of a Cat Management Act. There are currently five city/district councils in New Zealand mandating the microchipping and registration of cats (Wellington, Palmerston North, Selwyn, Whanganui, Whangarei).

- These bylaws encourage cat owners to desex and microchip their cat, resulting in increased rates of microchipping and desexing. Increased rates of microchipping and desexing has benefits for cats, cat owners, Buller District Council, animal welfare organisations and the environment.

To illustrate this, Figure 1 below depicts the rate of registration of cat microchips on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register between 2010 and 2020 in Wellington. As you can see, in Wellington there was a significant increase in the rates of microchip registration of cats coinciding with the introduction of the local bylaw mandating feline microchipping and registration.

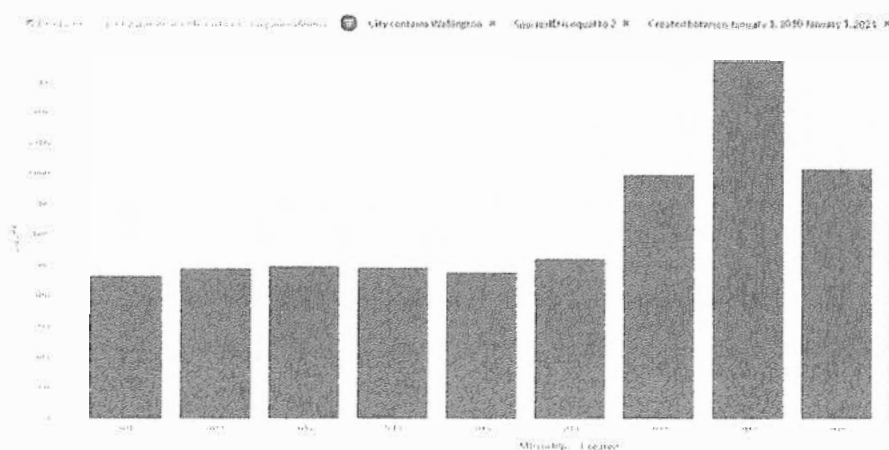


Figure 1: Rates of feline microchip registration in the Wellington region 2010 – 2020.

Conclusion

CANZ appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Buller District Council Animals Bylaw. CANZ requests that Buller District Council include a requirement for residents to desex their cats in the bylaw. We kindly ask that you consider our suggestions above regarding mandating desexing of cats by four months of age, compulsory microchipping, and registration of the microchip on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.

CANZ would welcome further engagement on these issues. If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Olson

Welfare Manager, Companion Animals New Zealand

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Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I do not support the wording of the proposed bylaw nor do I support the proposed boundaries of urban areas.

Many rural and rural-residential areas have been inappropriately included inside the urban areas and proposed urban areas have not been included.

The proposed bylaw itself is, in places, very unreasonable and does not recognise the enjoyment and economic benefit gained from the keeping of animals. The bylaw is overly restrictive. There is insufficient justification for the level of restriction for all animals (except cats).

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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

No roosters to be kept in urban areas

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Q4

FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Please redefine the urban area boundary. The draft shows the boundary going through our working farmland. Propose this is revisited to not include this title, property #2387602. Which is easily done by turning off Stephens Rd down to Orowaiti Bridge. There are no immediate Urban properties next to our land in the draft. I have a picture with redefinition I would like to submit as well. Please provide avenue to do this.
Many thanks

SUBMISSIONProposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw# 51
3 #52

Name: Elizabeth Jane Duncan & Glen Anthony Duncan

Address:

Phone:

Email:

We do not wish to speak to our submission.

Contact details do not need to be withheld.

Submission

We object to the proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw and submit as follows:

Under the current district plan the majority of Snodgrass is zoned "rural". Under the proposed TTPP the majority of Snodgrass will be "general rural". It is contradictory, confusing and inappropriate to capture that area within the "Urban Area" of the proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw.

The demarcation of "Urban Area" to include rural land district wide appears, for want of a better term, lazy and a more specific assessment should be undertaken to redraw that demarcation. Again, we draw attention to the majority of Snodgrass Road which has a long history of being farmland.

No consideration has been taken into account for reverse sensitivity where the vulnerability of established land use is subject to complaints from a newly establishing, more sensitive land use. This must not be ignored. People who move to the area must do so understanding the existing land use and often move there purposefully to enjoy the rural landscape and lifestyle.

This equally applies to the clause 13.1 and 13.2. Furthermore, the wording "or become offensive" is too subjective and the use of screens in areas that are suitable for slaughtering are impractical. The clause could be better termed to prevent slaughtering happening within so many metres of the boundary or neighbouring dwelling.

Consideration also needs to be given to existing land use. For example – (see clause 9.2) an already established hen house which complies by being more than 2 metres from any neighbouring land – that neighbouring land is then built on, and due to the placement of the newly built dwelling the hen house suddenly becomes non-complying because it is now within 10 metres of the new dwelling on the neighbouring land. This is not a fair nor reasonable consequence.

Clause 11.1 needs refining for the same reason but in addition - what does it mean to "keep livestock at a distance less than 2 metres from a boundary". How does one propose to prevent sheep and cattle from entering this area without re-fencing to exclude land? That land would then become unusable, a fire risk, an environment to encourage noxious weeds, and it appears without compensation. Will Council no longer rate that area?

Regarding clause 11.2, the word "noise" requires further clarification. How do you propose one stops a cow mooing and a sheep baaing especially when lambs are weaned? This is unrealistic in this area and imposes on farming systems. We welcome your suggestions.

The inclusion of "fees payable" under clause 14 is ambiguous and appears unilateral. It should clearly outline in what circumstances fees would be required or events where council could impose a fee.

The timing of the bylaws and inclusion of Snodgrass Road should have been better thought through. We are being hammered with regulation and restriction. This appears to reflect an unsupportive view of Council towards Snodgrass Road. With the proposed TTPP overlays, recent flood events and now lack of flood protection, the only thing this land at Snodgrass is going to be suitable for is the keeping of stock.

10.10.2022

Prue Holms

From: Anna O'Toole <anna.johnson78@gmail.com>
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Subject: Submission on Proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022

#53

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I do not wish for my contact details to be withheld

I see that the Westport racecourse land is included within the urban boundary of the proposed new animal bylaws for Westport. Land included within this boundary will have restrictions put on it such as the exclusion of keeping any animal that causes a nuisance through noise, smell, dust or the attraction of flies. Horses have been known at times to do all of these things!

By including this land within the urban boundary will have a huge impact for Westport and the wider Buller District. Many Westport locals use the racecourse, land, and associated stables and buildings on a permanent basis to keep and train their horses.

Events such as the popular Boxing Day Races attract people from all over New Zealand. This event alone brings many tourists to the region, some staying for both race days, many staying on for up to a week. This event brings significant financial gains to the Buller District through tourism and provides benefits to many other local businesses in the process.

How is the A&P Show going to be held if animals can not be kept on the land? There are many different animals including sheep, horses, chickens, pigs etc that people show at this event.

I see that the pony club is excluded from the urban boundary despite its close proximity to the urban area and looking through the maps within the bylaws, the same could be said for the Reefton racecourse being outside the urban boundary.

The boundary for Westport could easily be reviewed to exclude the racecourse land from it.



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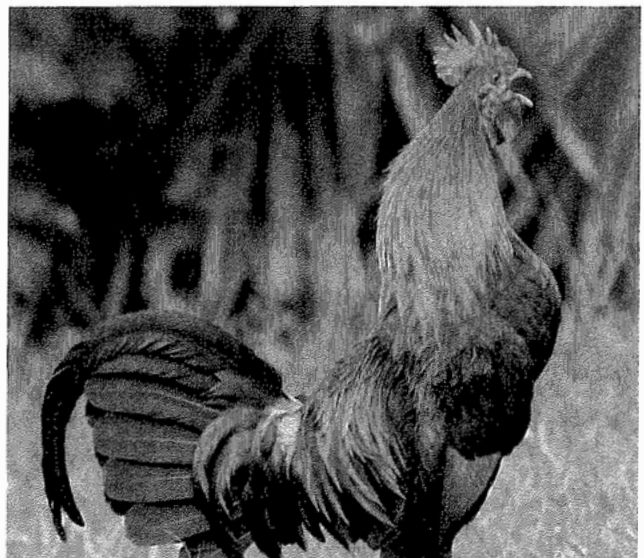


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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

I think Section 9.2 b) Poultry houses and poultry runs should be replaced with Rule 11.1 or covered by Rule 6
9.2 No poultry house or poultry run may be located:

- a) Within ten metres of any dwelling on any neighbouring land, or
- b) Within two metres of the boundary of any neighbouring land.

11.1 No person shall keep, or allow to be kept, any livestock on property in an urban area at a distance less than two metres from a boundary of any adjoining land where, in the opinion of the Council, an annoyance or nuisance may be created by the presence of the livestock within that area.

I believe that in general circumstances the 9.2 b) rule will restrict the area on most existing runs leaving less grassed area for chickens and would involve a lot of modification across the district. The 2m reduction would tend to create an odd chicken enclosure zone where a fence would be the normal boundary. The other rules seem sufficient

Keeping of Bees in an urban area 10.6 states the maximum number of hives to be two with some exceptions I would like to see this lifted to three hives or an adjustment to 10.7 b) i)

Essentially with varoa endemic in the area you almost need two hives to have one hive in spring
In spring you split your hives creating nucleus hives

One of the best things you can do to avoid nuisance and swarms is to split hives making a nucleus hive which can then be moved on once sustainable or recombined, to keep it simple you end up with a small hive.

A third hive would get around the definitions of a nucleus hive and allow a two hive split and two sustainable hives Potentially removing rule 10.7 b) i) would work just as well as this would avoid having to have a section in excess of a quarter acre in size and allow for beekeepers on smaller sections to manage their hives if approved. If you accepted that a nucleus hive wasn't really a hive then this wouldn't really be a problem but defining when a hive is a nucleus hive is going to invite a technical disagreement.

Essentially my beekeeping problem is I need three "hives" at the end of spring to have two hives in winter to have a good chance of one hive the following spring.

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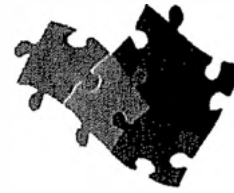
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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Keeping of cats in an urban area.

7.1 - I believe that people should ~~not~~ keep more than 2 cats over 6 months on any urban property or ~~rural~~ ^{rural} property

7.3 - Cats ~~must~~ ^{MUST} be desexed if there is more than one instead of "may" include such terms and conditions as the Council considers appropriate in the circumstances, including requiring the cats to be desexed.

-keeping of poultry in urban areas * except the rooster in Vic. Park ^{-he should} remain there

8.1 No ^{*}roosters, ganders or peacocks in urban areas I agree

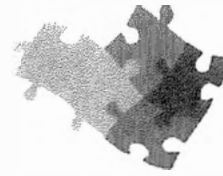
8.2 with but more than 12 hens I disagree with.

I suggest a maximum of 6 hens unless it is a commercial venture which should be housed in rural areas

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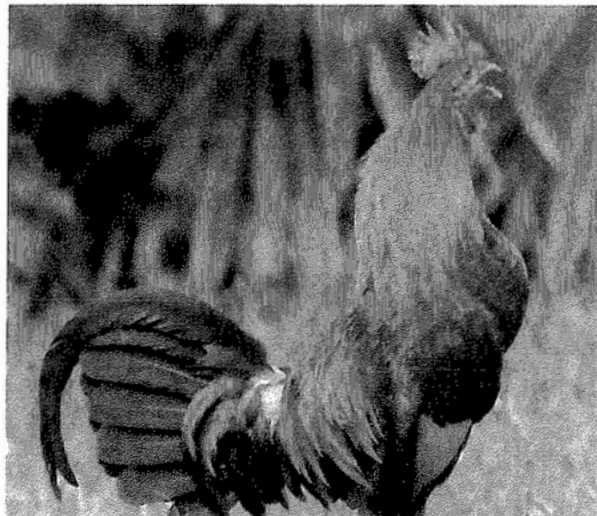


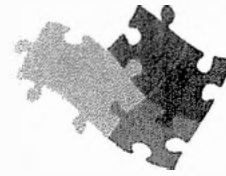
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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

We would like to submit AGAINST increasing the number of cats that will be allowed per property. Council's proposal to increase the number allowed from three to four is disappointing and quite frankly tone deaf in a time when we are supposed to be conservation-minded and protecting and fostering our native flora and fauna. It is a well known fact that cats (domestic and feral) are decimating the numbers of native birds.

There are many gardeners in town trying to encourage native birds by planting bird friendly plants, and birdfeeders etc

Shouldn't local government also be supporting the Department of Conservation's effort in this area?

We propose that the number of domestic cats per household be REDUCED from three to two, but that households who currently have more cats than this, allow those cats to live out their natural lives.

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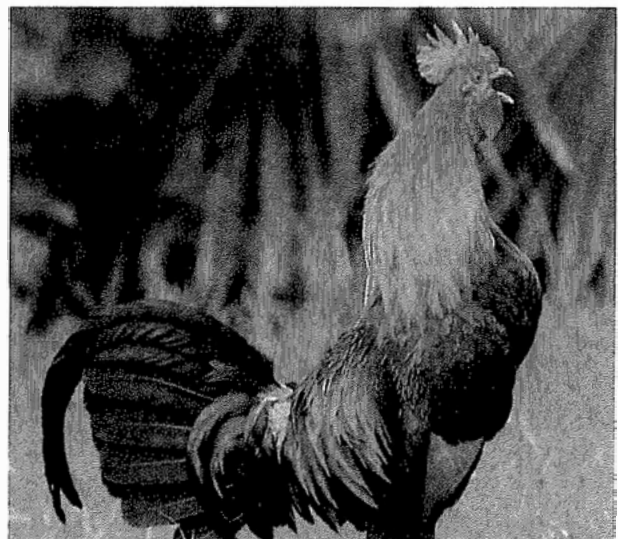
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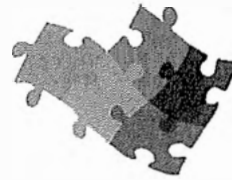
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FEEDBACK - do you have items or requests that you would like Council to consider?

Please resolve the ongoing issue in the Karama region relating to discrepancies in physical and actual addresses of properties. Some properties don't even have addresses.

This would be extremely helpful.

Thankyou,

Paul Murray.

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Murray".

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Submission to the Buller District Council Oct. 11, 2022

RE: Proposed Changes to the "Keeping of Animals Bylaw."

The plaintiff crow of a rooster in the early hours is comforting and pleasant to those familiar with the sounds of rural New Zealand...also the soft baaing of ewes, cattle lowing, lambs bleating, the orgle of rutting llama and the roar of amorous stags...None of these sounds is out of place in rural areas, and Karamea is a rural area; how else would you define what is possibly the most remote town on mainland New Zealand?

The roar of the Tasman, the dawn and dusky birdsong, booming Spring thunder, a squadron of gulls, the squawks of pukeko and weka, the shrill, metallic shrieking of plovers and the hovering rangirangi...How about those sounds? Can the Council do something about that cacophony too?

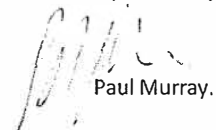
I want dead silence, flat, dull, peaceful quiet. Is this too much to ask, given the exorbitant rates we pay?

Seriously though, responsible people should be permitted to keep animals for food, weed control, natural fertiliser, and recycling scraps. People living in remote rural regions need the understanding of urban-dwelling New Zealanders in this regard as there are less services available in such regions, we need to keep animals to counter the lack of services like rubbish collection, abattoir, landscape architects, yard management services, apiarists, etc.

I respectfully ask the Council to back off on the proposed changes to the "Keeping of Animals Bylaw" and concentrate on more critical issues, like sorting out the mess of differences between actual and street addresses in the Karamea region. Many properties don't even have addresses. I would be happy to hear my rates are being utilised for this purpose and it would be of great benefit to the people of Karamea.

Thank you for considering this request.

Regards from Sunny Karamea,



Paul Murray.



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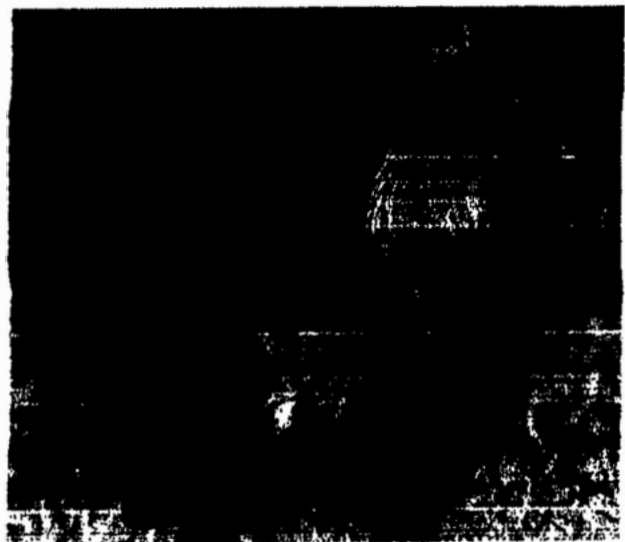


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I would like to submit on the proposed bylaws

the hold livestock on our property or otherwise if the proposed bylaws proceed then I feel we are negatively impacted with regards to the use of our land. It has always been practice to graze livestock even though it is inside town boundaries. If we get a neighbour that complains then we may have to remove the livestock even if it is just one out of 20 neighbours.

Also, if the proposed TPP plans come in then my land use options are extremely limited as there may be a building ban over my land due to floods as well as a livestock compliance issue.

Snodgrass is in the same boat.

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**PROPOSED
KEEPING OF ANIMALS
BYLAW 2022**

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Submission

Council argues the need for this bylaw, and the inadequacies of the Model General Bylaw, by saying:

This decision can positively impact on the present and future interests of the district and community by having a clear framework as to the management and regulation of animals.

With respect to noisy poultry, which evidently was the instigation for this proposed bylaw, I consider the general bylaw to be completely adequate, stating clearly what is not acceptable. I see the wording to replace this clause on noisy poultry is a further way to control residents and reduce freedom of choice.

The Model General Bylaw says:

1304 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.

This appears very straightforward, direct, and able to be acted on when a nuisance is caused, especially as the Buller District Plan has rules around noise.

3 Purpose and application

3.1(a) says

protect, maintain and promote public health and safety

It is absurd that in this proposed bylaw, a crowing rooster can be deemed to affect public health and safety.

5 Interpretation

'Nuisance' means any unreasonable interference with the peace, comfort or convenience of another person...'

This proposed bylaw intends to relate 'nuisance' to roosters crowing early in the morning and disturbing some people. Conversely, rooster crowing in the early morning can have a pacifying effect, it can be an alarm clock for some to wake, or to know how much longer to slumber, the comfort of the crowing can help induce deeper sleep, so banning roosters could be in breach of this definition. Humankind has co-evolved with the early morning call of roosters.

It all depends on perception, and just because one person finds crowing in the early morning offensive another may not, and so should it mean the whole neighbourhood is denied those comforting sounds because of one person's objection?

It is very hard to define nuisance among an eclectic group of people, where some may find a particular instance a nuisance but others do not - who will be the winner - they who complain loudest? They who are most bitter? They who are most intolerant?

I am not trying to denigrate the angst and upset a raucously crowing rooster can have on those, or any particular person, closeby, but I think a blanket ban on roosters in urban areas is throwing the baby out with the bathwater. The issue into the future still needs to be treated on a case-by-case basis.

Noise

The Buller district Plan at 7.8 deals with noise. This proposed bylaw may contravene the Plan.

Shouldn't there be a clause in this bylaw to say that a noise nuisance will be identified by measuring the decibel volume (as in 7.8) at the complainant's property boundary? Which

is: it should not exceed 45 decibels for 10% of the time monitored, and 75 decibels maximum at one single time.

Urban areas

The proposed bylaw is supposed to define what 'urban' is yet the maps shown are vague, with no street names for the boundaries provided. The lines drawn seem almost arbitrary, taking in paddocks and fairly large open spaces, including forested areas. If the council wants clarity on 'urban' then a lot of tightening up of the proposed urban boundaries is required, preferably with GPS co-ordinates so there can be no future disputes in this area. After all, that is what the council is looking for in this bylaw - certainty around the law. The proposal to define, 'urban', is no better than the Model bylaw, which says,

'predominantly urban character under the district plan'

Refer to Decision no [2018] NZEnvC 36, concerning spatial constraints for resource consents for gravel extraction on the West Coast:

[134] Ms Inta's applications were to a limited degree understandable because of a looseness of framing of conditions of consent and the quality of plans attached to them (sketchy overlays on aerial photographs).

This resulted in much more accurate spatial constraints in resource consents for resource extraction being implemented by our regional council. Urban boundaries in this proposed bylaw suffer from the same problems as described by Judge Newhook in 2018 NZEnvC 36.

6 Keeping of animals

6.1

No person shall keep or allow to be kept on any property any animal (including livestock, poultry and bees):

- a) which in the opinion of the Council causes a nuisance through noise, smell, dust or through the attraction of flies; or
- b) in a manner that in the opinion of the Council is or is likely to become:
 - i) a nuisance, or
 - ii) offensive to the occupier of a neighbouring property or a threat to the health of any person.

1. How would it be detected that something is **likely** to become a nuisance or offensive? It could create fertile fields for prejudice and most likely would not stand in a court of law. BDC will not act on the Health Act's Section 29 in relation to air pollution as a nuisance because evidently (according to BDC and the West Coast/ Canterbury Medical Officer of Health, Cheryl Brunton) the loose wording, monitoring and compliance allowed by that section would not stand in a court of law, so what would make this bylaw different since both depend on identifying a nuisance? The wording of this bylaw is even looser because an **opinion** is required to identify the nuisance.

For example, just owning a dog is **likely** to become a nuisance if certain controls for its future are not put in place. Any thing or any act is likely to become a nuisance but is generally circumvented by putting constraints and controls in place, but this bylaw would allow a BDC officer to take exception in any case at all if, in their opinion, irrational or otherwise, it was likely to cause a nuisance at some future time even if constraints were put in place to prevent any future nuisance.

2. Why the 'opinion of the council'? Surely there are more substantial ways to determine the nuisance? Opinions are not helpful, It is the facts that are needed. Opinions can be destructive, divisive and open to dispute, rather than, when based on substance - cohesive, healing and indisputable.

I have found council opinions at times to be prejudiced, illogical, unfounded, arbitrary, unhelpful, and sometimes illegal. The basis of this bylaw needs better than opinion to operate.

I understand that the RMA uses the term, 'opinion' in (only) one of its sections, s327, in relation to noise, where it allows an officer to make an opinion as to the excessive nature of the noise. However, an opinion is not needed in relation to noise when we have 7.8 of the Buller District Plan, which states clearly permitted noise levels.

6.1 must be deleted or heavily amended.

8 Keeping of poultry in an urban area

8.1

No person shall keep, or allow to be kept, any roosters, ganders or peacocks on any property in an urban area if they are a nuisance.

Many people find the crow of a rooster in the early morning very comforting and reassuring

and this will be lost if this clause is adopted (My argument at 5: Interpretation, above applies here).

The urban areas in the Buller district generally have a semi-rural feel, surrounded by farms and then the DOC estate, and adjacent to the coastline. Just because other urban centres have a ban doesn't necessarily mean Buller needs to follow suit.

I would like to see more balance in this proposal

8.2

No person may keep, or allow to be kept, more than 12 head of poultry on any property in an urban area.

I know of some properties in the (vaguely) defined urban areas that are an acre in size (albeit in 4 1/4 acre titles). How would this sub-clause relate to them? Surely a better constraint would be per spatial extent (350m²?, 800m²?, 1000m²?). 'Per property' could result in a whole lot of 350m² sections with 12 poultry on each. Realistically not likely but the option is actually there.

8.4

No person keeping any poultry on property in an urban area shall allow the poultry to cause a nuisance to **any** person, including a noise or odour nuisance.

What happens if there is only one person in the neighbourhood that finds the poultry situation a nuisance? What if all others contrarily find no offence, and, as stated above, may find the animal noises comforting? This law will allow for one complainant to have relief at the expense of possibly the rest of the neighbourhood. I can understand a direct effect, but if the effect is ubiquitous in a neighbourhood and one person complains, should that complaint override the otherwise peace and ambience of that neighbourhood? How would the council know that 'any' person is not being vindictive? Would our council allow possible vindictiveness, or even persecution, the light of day via this clause?

9 Poultry houses and poultry runs

1. I object to the use of the word, 'chicken' at 9.1. I have always known 'chicken' as the young of chooks. A much better word to use in this clause would be 'poultry'. This would then be consistent with clause 8

2. There is no distinction between poultry kept domestically and that kept for commercial purposes. A commercial enterprise surely requires further boundary distances?

The same should apply to the keeping of pigs

9.2

If a poultry house is maintained to the standards required in this bylaw then 1 metre distance from an adjoining boundary should be adequate. The 2 metre proposal should be adjusted to 1 metre.

Some poultry actually prefer to roost in trees, no matter the weather, and do not require a house.

There has to be a clause about existing poultry housing - are all houses immediately required to be that distance from boundaries? Section 10 of the RMA allows existing use to continue, and s10 needs to be incorporated into this bylaw.

RMA, s10

Land may be used in a manner that contravenes a rule in a district plan or proposed district plan if—

(a) either—

- (i) the use was lawfully established before the rule became operative or the proposed plan was notified; and
- (ii) the effects of the use are the same or similar in character, intensity, and scale to those which existed before the rule became operative or the proposed plan was notified:

12 Pig keeping

Surely there needs to be a clause requiring adequate shelter for pigs? This has to be more important than clause 9, where our feathered friends do not always require shelter, but domestic pigs do. I have seen pigs kept in back yards in muddy corrugated iron enclosures with absolutely no shelter. It is also more important to ensure that pigs are kept in a sanitary condition because of their habit of rooting and mud bathing.

Surely there should be a constraint on the number of pigs allowed in the (poorly) defined urban areas?

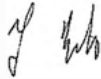
I find clause 12 to be inadequate; it needs to be similar in requirements to that of clauses 8 and 9.

I agree with **Clause 13 Slaughter of livestock**, except for 13.5 - when the bylaw is not complied with. Often these activities are fleeting, so a written abatement notice will be woefully late. There needs to be a complaints hotline and immediate action on council's part to abate problems..

15.2 Operational policies.

These policies should be transparent and made publicly available.

Frida Inta



03.10.2022

REGULATORY AND HEARINGS COMMITTEE

14 DECEMBER 2022

AGENDA ITEM 5

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MAKING GOOD DECISIONS TRAINING

1. REPORT PURPOSE

To inform Council members of the training available for those wishing to be involved in decision making under the current Resource Management Act 1991. It is considered this training will be relevant for future resource management processes under the proposed changes to the RMA.

2. REPORT SUMMARY

- Overview of the training
- Link to the WSP Environmental Training Centre
<https://nzetc.wsp.com/w/courses/cat-13-making-good-decisions>

3. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee accept the report as information.

4. BACKGROUND

Council is required on occasion to hold a hearing into Resource Consent matters, usually when there are areas of contention.

Applicants can request the inclusion of an independent Commissioner to chair the panel but frequently the panel is made up of elected officials.

For members of Council to sit on a hearing panel there is a requirement to undergo formalised training in order to be considered qualified. The formalised training is 'The Making Good Decisions' course and this is delivered by the WSP Environmental

Training Centre on behalf of Ministry for the Environment. The course provides decision-makers with skills and knowledge to run a fair hearing process and make informed decisions.

It is acknowledged that there is currently a Resource Management system reform being undertaken and new legislation may come into effect in the very near future. The new legislation would replace the RMA, but it is still considered there will be a role for suitably qualified personnel in decision making processes within the new system.

With recent experienced members of Council not standing for election in 2022, there is a need to train new members.

I note the website shows that there are currently no allocated courses, however this is regularly checked and when a course is scheduled, staff can communicate this with interested councillors.

6. CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Strategic Alignment

Council must ensure it maintains suitably qualified personnel to be involved in a variety of decision-making processes now and into the future.

6.2 Significance Assessment

N/A

6.3 Tangata Whenua Considerations

The new legislation seeks to increase the involvement of Iwi.

6.4 Risk Management Implications

It is appropriate that communities maintain a local decision-making capability to ensure local concerns and input are understood.

6.5 Policy Framework Implications

N/A

6.6 Legal Implications

Good decisions limit potential liability issues for Council.

6.7 Financial / Budget Implications

Training costs can be covered within existing budgets.

6.8 Consultation Considerations

There are no specific consultation requirements.