

# Keeping Chickens

in the Snowy Monaro region

## Residential Areas

- Chickens must not be kept as to create: a nuisance, be dangerous or injurious to health.
- Roosters are not encouraged due to the common nuisance of offensive noise.
- Yards and enclosures must at all times be kept clean and free from odour.
- Must be located at least 4.5 metres from your house.
- Must be located in the rear of the yard. Chickens must be confined to the property and must not be able to stray onto neighbours properties.
- Not house more than 10 fowls.
- Not have a floor area more than 15 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Yards and/or enclosures are to be not higher than 3 metres from ground level.
- Be located at least 3 metres from a boundary.
- If metal components are used for construction purposes they must be of low reflective materials and factory pre-coloured materials.
- Must not be more than 1 yard or enclosure per lot

## Rural Areas

- Chickens must not be kept as to create: a nuisance, be dangerous or injurious to health.
- Yards and enclosures are not to be higher than 7 metres above ground level.
- Not have a floor area of more than 50 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Be located at least 4.5 meters from your home.
- Chickens must be confined to the property and must not be able to stray onto neighbours properties.
- If metal components are used for construction purposes they must be of low reflective materials and factory pre-coloured materials.
- Must not be more than 1 yard or enclosure per lot.



## Do you have a poultry problem?

If you have an issue with poultry in your neighbourhood such as a constantly crowing rooster, talk to your neighbour and try to resolve the issue. If you do not have any success in solving your poultry or chicken problems on your own, you may make a complaint to Council. If you wish to make a complaint please include:

- Where the poultry is kept
- What the specific problem is
- How is the problem affecting you
- Your name and contact details so that council can update you on the progress

## What happens if Council receives a complaint about your chickens?

- If Council receives complaints regarding your chickens, the complaint will be investigated by Council's Officers.
- If the complaint is found to be justified you will be required to implement remedial measures that may, in the worst instance, include removing the chickens from your property.

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## Do I need Council approval to keep chickens in a residential area?

### YES

You will need Council approval if you wish to keep more than 10 chickens in a residential area.

### NO

If you intend to keep less than 10 chickens and you follow the enclosed guidelines.

Note: Chickens must not be kept if they:

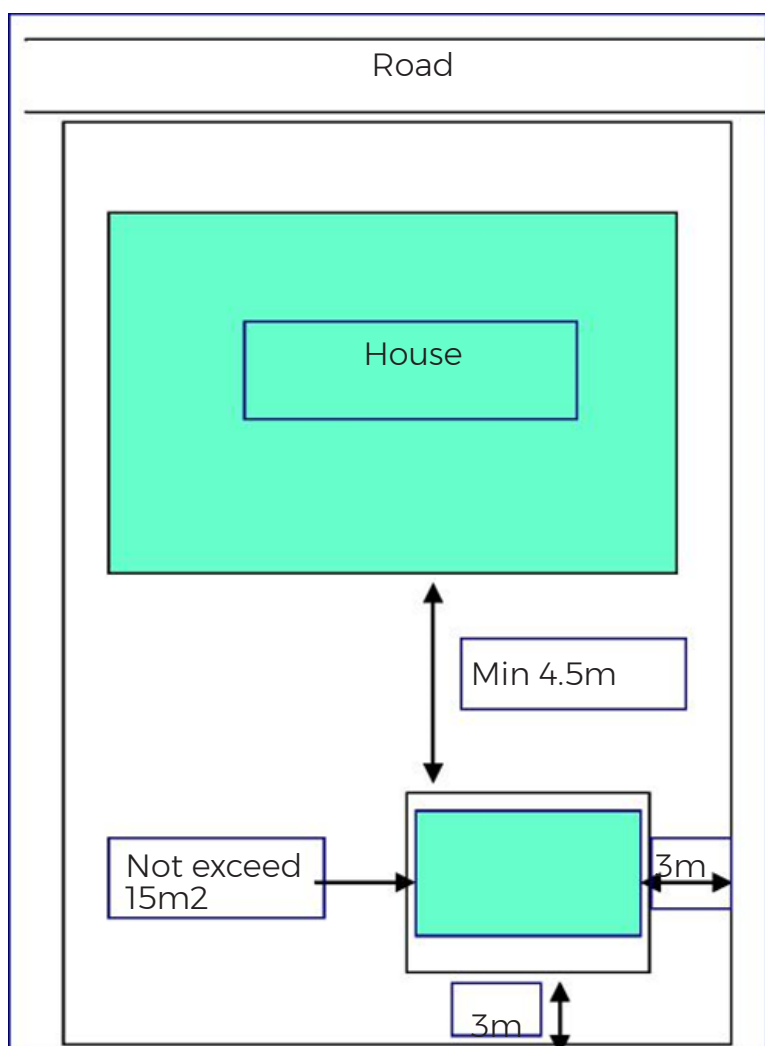
- Create a nuisance, are dangerous or injurious to health.
- Roosters are not encouraged due to the common nuisance of offensive noise.

## CAN I KEEP OTHER TYPES OF POULTRY?

If you are interested in keeping chickens in the area you must follow the rules and regulations set down by the State Environmental Planning Policy and Local Government Act.

For the keeping of other types of Poultry please contact Council's Ranger Services Team.

## Where Should I locate my chicken yard?



If you have any complaints, concerns or enquiries please contact Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Ranger Services.

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