

***DO I NEED COUNCIL APPROVAL TO KEEP CHICKENS IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA?***

**YES**

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

**NO**

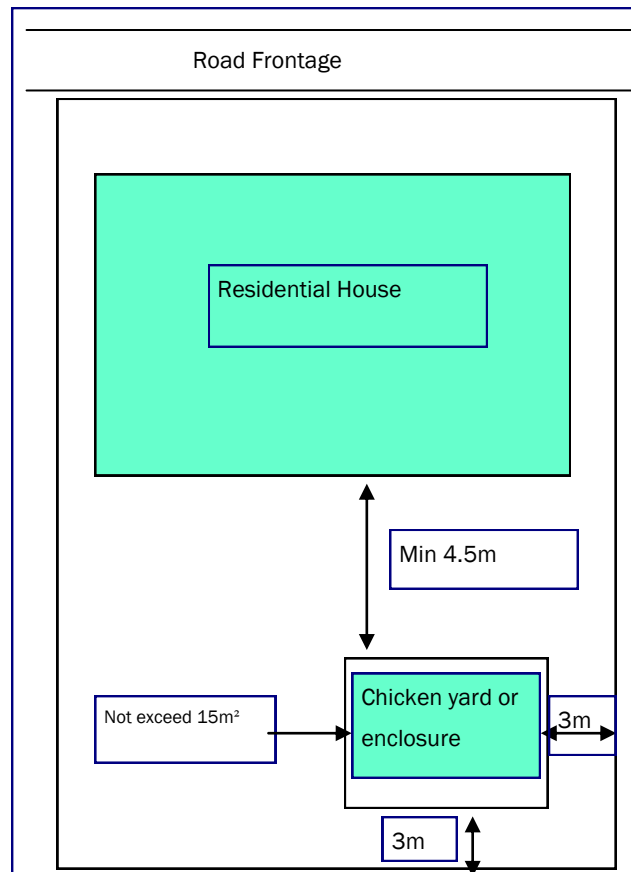
If you intend to keep **less than 10** chickens and you follow the enclosed guidelines.



**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.**

***Where should I locate my chicken yard or enclosure?***



**KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN SNOWY MONARO REGION**



**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 Environmental Health Department.

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Council approval to keep chickens is **NOT** required IF you comply with the following requirements.

## *Residential Areas— including villages and Large Lot Residential (R5)*

- 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.
- Section 3.1.3.2 of Council's Development Control Plan 2014 prohibits the keeping of roosters in residential areas.
- Yards and enclosures must at all times be kept clean and free from odours.
- 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 metres 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.



## *What happens if Council receives complaints*

- 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.



**Councils in NSW have the authority to serve Orders under the Local Government Act to ensure that chickens do not cause a nuisance, be dangerous or injurious to health.**