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Health Standards for Aviaries and Bird Keeping

The keeping of birds for pets and/or breeding is a popular activity for many people. The activity however, can result in public health and nuisance complaints to Council if the aviaries are poorly kept and maintained. Keeping birds can result in offensive odours and the attraction of mice and other vermin if aviaries are not regularly cleaned. Caged birds should be kept in a manner which does not cause any nuisance to neighbouring properties or result in unhealthy conditions or offensive odours. Regular attention to the maintenance of aviaries such as ensuring waste and feed is not allowed to accumulate, and routinely changing water will help to keep your aviary and birds in a healthy condition. For further information please contact Councils Environmental Health Officers.

Development Standards for Aviaries and Bird Keeping

The construction or installation of an aviary is development specified in the STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (EXEMPT AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CODES) 2008 if it is not constructed or installed on foreshore land. The following development standards must be met or Development Consent maybe required for your aviary. For further information please contact Councils Development Planners.

2.8 Development standards

(1) The standards specified for development must:

- (a) be for residential uses only, and
- (b) not have a floor area of more than:
 - (i) in a rural zone-30m², or
 - (ii) in any other zone-10m², and
- (c) be not higher than:
 - (i) in a rural zone-3m above ground level (existing), or
 - (ii) in any other zone-2.4m above ground level (existing), and
- (d) be located:
 - (i) in a rural zone-at least 20m from the road boundary and 5m from each other lot boundary, or
 - (ii) in any other zone-in the rear yard and at least 900mm from each side and rear boundary, and
- (f) have an impervious floor, and
- (g) be constructed or installed so that roofwater is disposed of without causing a nuisance to adjoining owners, and
- (g1) if it is located in a residential zone and to the extent it is comprised of metal components-be constructed of low reflective, factory pre-coloured materials, and
- (h) if it is located on bush fire prone land and is less than 5m from a dwelling-be constructed of non-combustible material.

(2) There must not be more than 2 developments per lot.