

COMPANION ANIMALS (IMPACTS ON NATIVE FAUNA) - CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

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1. PURPOSE

To protect populations of native fauna, including threatened species, from impacts associated with the keeping of companion animals (domestic cats and dogs) within certain development, in accordance with the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979* and the *Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995*.

2. STATEMENT

Conditions of development consent relating to appropriate measures for the management of companion animals may be applied where applications are in sensitive environmental locations.

3. PROVISIONS

That appropriate restrictions on title or conditions of consent for the management of companion animals may be applied in sensitive environmental locations. These restrictions will not apply to assistance animals (e.g. disability discrimination guide dogs, hearing assistance dogs and trained animals) as defined by the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy will be implemented by the Planning, Environment & Development Group in the assessment of development applications relating to impacts on native fauna, associated with keeping of companion animals (domestic cats and dogs) in accordance with the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979* and the *Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995*.

5. REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed within 12 months of the election of the new Council.

6. APPLICATION OF ESD PRINCIPLES

This policy is in line with Council's adopted policy on integrating the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) into all Council's planning, decision-making and actions. This Policy in particular applies to maintaining the biodiversity of the Local Government Area by protecting the variety of species, populations, habitats and ecosystems.