

# Companion Animals (Impacts on Native Fauna) - Conditions of Development Consent

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## 1. Purpose

This policy has been prepared to prevent impacts of companion animals (domestic cats and dogs) on populations of native fauna, including threatened species, that may arise from new development, in accordance with the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 (NSW)* and the *Biodiversity Conservation Act, 2016 (NSW)*.

## 2. Statement

Conditions of development consent relating to appropriate measures for the management of companion animals may be applied for sites adjacent to environmentally sensitive areas. For the purposes of this policy, *environmentally sensitive areas* is defined by section 3.3 of the *Shoalhaven Local Environment Plan 2014*. These include, but are not limited to, coastal waters, Threatened Ecological Communities and land reserved under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW)* and accord with the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (NSW)*.

## 3. Provisions

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

This policy applies to areas from which companion species may roam and impact on environmentally sensitive areas, if unrestrained.

In addition, any specific measures for limiting the impact on the environment associated with the keeping of companion animals within plans adopted by Council will apply. These include, for example, those within the Jerberra Estate Environmental Management Plan (2014).

## 4. Implementation

This policy will be implemented by the City Development Directorate 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 *Biodiversity Conservation Act, 2016*.

## 5. Review

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