

## Example of Where to Locate a Chicken Enclosure



\* size of chicken enclosure should not exceed 15m<sup>2</sup>

## Development Standards

State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 Reg 2.42

- Is no higher than 3m above ground level
- Maximum floor area 15m<sup>2</sup>
- Does not house more than 5 fowls or poultry
- Located at least 3m from each lot boundary
- Is constructed of low reflective, factory pre-coloured materials if located on residential land. In bush fire-prone land and situated less than 5m from a dwelling, must be constructed of non-combustible material.



## Keeping Poultry

For this document, poultry is defined as domestic fowls collectively such as chickens, turkeys, guinea fowls, ducks and geese.



### Considerations Before Keeping Poultry

- Do you have time to clean the pens and maintain them regularly to prevent offensive odours?
- Do you have adequate room for a poultry pen?
- Is the position of the pen going to create a nuisance to your neighbours? eg smell or noise

## Housing Poultry in Residential Premises

The housing of poultry can often cause potential social issues with neighbouring properties, such as odour nuisances, noise issues and rodent complaints. Poultry can be unhygienic, messy and their housing is difficult to keep maintained to standards that create no potential risks to human health.

Councils in NSW have the authority to serve Orders under the Local Government Act to prohibit the keeping of poultry on any specified premises.



## Roosters are Prohibited in Urban Areas

The nature of a rooster is to make noise early in the mornings and throughout the day; this in turn disturbs the peace of the neighbouring residents.

Council may request the rooster to be removed from the property. If the offending rooster continues to cause a noise problem within the neighbourhood, Council may proceed with further action.



## Further Information:

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## Legal Requirements

The keeping of poultry in residential areas is permitted as a hobby provided you comply with the following requirements:

- Poultry must not create a nuisance (including but not limited to noise) or be dangerous or injurious to health. Control all offensive noise, odours and vermin.
- Poultry are to be confined to the property and must not be able to stray onto neighbouring properties.
- Enclosures should be located at the rear of the property.
- There must not be more than one (1) yard or enclosure per lot.
- Poultry need protection from the wind, rain, temperature extremes, wild birds and foxes.
- The floor under roosts must be paved with cement, concrete or good hard bricks, bedded on sand and grouted in cement to prevent rodents digging into coops in search of food.
- Internal walls of the poultry houses must be regularly lime washed.
- Poultry feed should be stored in sealed metal containers and scraps should not be left in the yard so as to attract vermin.
- Waste material, including litter and bedding, must be disposed of appropriately.
- Outside runs must be free draining, not discharging to neighbouring properties and not be allowed to become muddy.
- If the poultry enclosure houses fowls (chickens and guinea fowls), it should be located at least 4.5m from any adjoining property dwelling.
- If the poultry enclosure houses other types of poultry, it should be located at least 30m from any dwelling.
- It should be constructed or installed so that roof water is disposed of without causing nuisance to adjoining neighbours.