

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION –
WANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW (2009)

1. INTRODUCTION

This Summary of Information has been prepared in accordance with section 89 of the Local Government Act 2002 (“LGA 2002”). Section 89 requires that the Summary of Information:

- Be a fair representation of the Statement of Proposal
- Be in a form determined by Council
- Be distributed as widely as possible
- State the period within which submissions on the proposal may be made to the Council.

2. PROPOSAL TO REVOKE

Section 158 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires Wanganui District Council to review its Bylaws. In accordance with this requirement Council proposes to revoke and replace Part 4 – Animal Control - Wanganui District Council Consolidated Bylaw 1997 with a new Bylaw.

The Animal Control Bylaw addresses specific issues relating to controlling animals, and therefore has been reviewed separately from the Consolidated Bylaw. With most of the issues rurally based, the Rural Community Board have met, reviewed and discussed the issues within the Bylaw. As a result of the review, Council has determined that the perceived problems and issues associated with the Wanganui District’s control of animals requires the Animal Control Bylaw to be revoked and replaced with a new Bylaw – the Wanganui District Animal Control Bylaw (2009).

The Animal Control Bylaw outlines the rules for controlling animals such as:

- Regulating the keeping of animals and birds within the District so that they do not create a nuisance. Specific reference is made to the keeping of dogs, cats, pigs, poultry, bees, goats, horses, cattle and any other animal.
- Controlling the slaughter of stock in residential areas.
- Controlling the use of animal traps.
- Minimising adverse effects on roads and to road users caused by the movement of stock.
- Controlling roadside grazing.

3. PROPOSAL TO MAKE

Wanganui District Council Animal Control Bylaw (2009);

A bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to manage any potential public nuisance, threats to public health and safety, or any damage or misuse of the District's roads in the Wanganui District arising from the keeping or controlling animals. Council's Animal Control Bylaw (2009) outlines the rules for controlling animals such as:

- Regulating the keeping of animals and birds within the District so that they do not create a nuisance. Specific reference is made to the keeping of dogs, cats, pigs, poultry, bees, goats, horses, cattle and any other animal.
- Controlling the slaughter of stock in residential areas.
- Controlling the use of animal traps.
- Minimising adverse effects on roads and to road users caused by the movement of stock.
- Controlling roadside grazing.

4. MAIN CHANGES PROPOSED

The 2009 Bylaw is similar to the Part 4 - Animal Control Bylaw 1997 which is to be revoked. It includes a number of new matters as noted above to reflect current practice. The proposed Bylaw strengthens requirements around animal traps, movement of stock –especially dairy cattle crossing roads, grazing of animals on the roadside, temporary fencing and gates and cattle stops across roads. All of which manages any potential public nuisance, threats to public health and safety, or any damage or misuse of the District's roads.

5. CONSULTATION

Council has prepared and adopted the Proposed Wanganui District Council Animal Control Bylaw (2009) for public consultation. The proposed bylaw has been made under section 145 and 146 of the Local Government Act 2002. Council considers that the Proposed Bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw, and that the bylaw is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and other relevant legislation.

Consultation Information

A copy of the full draft bylaw (Statement of Proposal) and this summary are available from the following places:

The Wanganui District Council Office at 101 Guyton Street, Wanganui;

The Wanganui District Council Public Library;

The Council website, www.wanganui.govt.nz;

By phoning the Council offices on 06 349 0000; or

Emailing: stuart.hylton@wanganui.govt.nz

6. METHODS FOR MAKING A SUBMISSION

Submissions may be made electronically or in writing. Electronic submission forms are available on the Council website at: www.wanganui.govt.nz. A hard copy submission form is attached to the back of this document. Further hard copy submission forms can also be downloaded from the Council website or obtained from the Council Administrative Building.

7. THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH SUBMISSIONS MAY BE MADE

The Council's consultation period on the proposed Wanganui District Animal Control Bylaw 2009 will commence on or about 18 December 2009 and will continue until **5PM, MONDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2010**. The community is invited to make a written submission on the proposed bylaw on or before that date.

Submissions are to be addressed to:

The Chief Executive

Wanganui District Council

PO Box 637

WANGANUI

Marked: "Submission Wanganui District Council Animal Control Bylaw (2009)" and may be:

Delivered by hand to the 101 Guyton Street, Wanganui; or

Posted to Wanganui District Council, 101 Guyton Street, Wanganui; or

Faxed to Wanganui District Council Fax: 06 349 0001; or

Emailed to: stuart.hylton@wanganui.govt.nz

8. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

Persons making submissions who wish to be heard by Council will be given the opportunity to do so. The time and venue for the hearing of submissions will be advised later. Submitters wishing to be heard will be advised individually.

Kevin Ross

CHIEF EXECUTIVE