Keeping Poultry

Residents in the District council of Loxton Waikerie area are permitted to keep chickens provided they follow the below guidelines:

1. A floor area of 0.37 square metres is required for each bird. For example, a coop for 12 laying hens needs to be a minimum of 2.4 metres by 1.8 metres wide
2. Council approval is required for coops more than 15 square metres
3. The coop must be placed at least 1 metre away from all boundary fences to allow access for cleaning
4. Food and straw must be kept in vermin roof receptacles
5. Waste should be cleared up and disposed of weekly in cooler months and more frequently during warmer months
6. For better ventilation and to help keep the floor dry, face the open front of the coop in an easterly or southerly direction

Roosters and Other Poultry

Roosters and other poultry can create noise from an early age, so no resident should consider owning these types of animals within a suburban environment.

Complaints made about roosters and other poultry which create noise may result in the animal/s being removed.

When does Council get involved?

Council addresses complaints based on nuisance if chickens are causing unreasonable noise, dust, odour, or there are more chickens or other poultry than acceptable.

