



## **IS YOUR ROOSTER CAUSING A NOISE NUISANCE?**

Roosters are a common cause of noise nuisance and neighbourhood disputes amongst neighbours living in an urban environment within townsites. Whilst most owners of roosters are not generally upset by their birds crowing, many neighbours exposed to early morning choruses will be adversely affected and over time become frustrated if the noise nuisance is not resolved.

All forms of noise nuisance, especially roosters crowing, have the potential to cause progressive adverse health effects in humans ranging from annoyance, sleep deprivation, irritation, fatigue, decreased working capacity and overall stress.

The majority of Local Governments throughout Western Australia prohibit the keeping of roosters and other noisy birds within townsites due to their reputation for causing prolonged noise nuisances. The Shire of Plantagenet Health Local Law 2008 does not allow the keeping of roosters in townsites unless approval of the Council has first been obtained.

Owners of roosters located with the townsites of Mount Barker, Kendenup, Narrikup and Rocky Gully are requested to consider the health, welfare, comfort and amenity of their immediate and adjoining neighbours by permanently removing all roosters from their properties.

All enquiries relating to keeping animals and birds within a townsite should be made with the Shires Environmental Health Officer on 9892 1135 during office hours.

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