

1. OBJECTIVES

- a) To provide acceptable standards for the establishment, operation and environmental management of feedlots.
- b) To ensure there is minimal impact on adjoining property, neighbours and the environment.
- c) To ensure the amenity of the locality is protected for proper and orderly planning.

2. DEFINITIONS

Feedlots are a confined yard area with watering and feeding facilities where animals are hand or mechanically fed for the purpose of production.

Animals include cattle, sheep, goats, deer and the like.

3. CRITERIA

1. Feedlots are a defined land use and are permissible at the Council's discretion following advertising in the Rural and Special Industrial zones under Town Planning Scheme No. 3.
2. An application for planning consent must be lodged with the Council and an approval obtained prior to establishing a feedlot. The application process will be dealt generally in accordance with the process shown in Appendix one.
3. In order for the Council to consider an application for planning consent an applicant must provide:
 - a) A site plan clearly noting the location of pens on the land, distances from sensitive areas (such as houses and waterways) and slope of the land.
 - b) A detailed plan of pens noting the number of animals per pen, size of each pen, extent of vegetation to be planted and soil type information.
 - c) Details of the ultimate number of animals.
 - d) A Waste Management Plan (Detailed methods for the collection, storage and disposal of solid and liquid waste).
 - e) Water supply.
4. The feedlot should comply with minimum separation distances from sensitive areas:

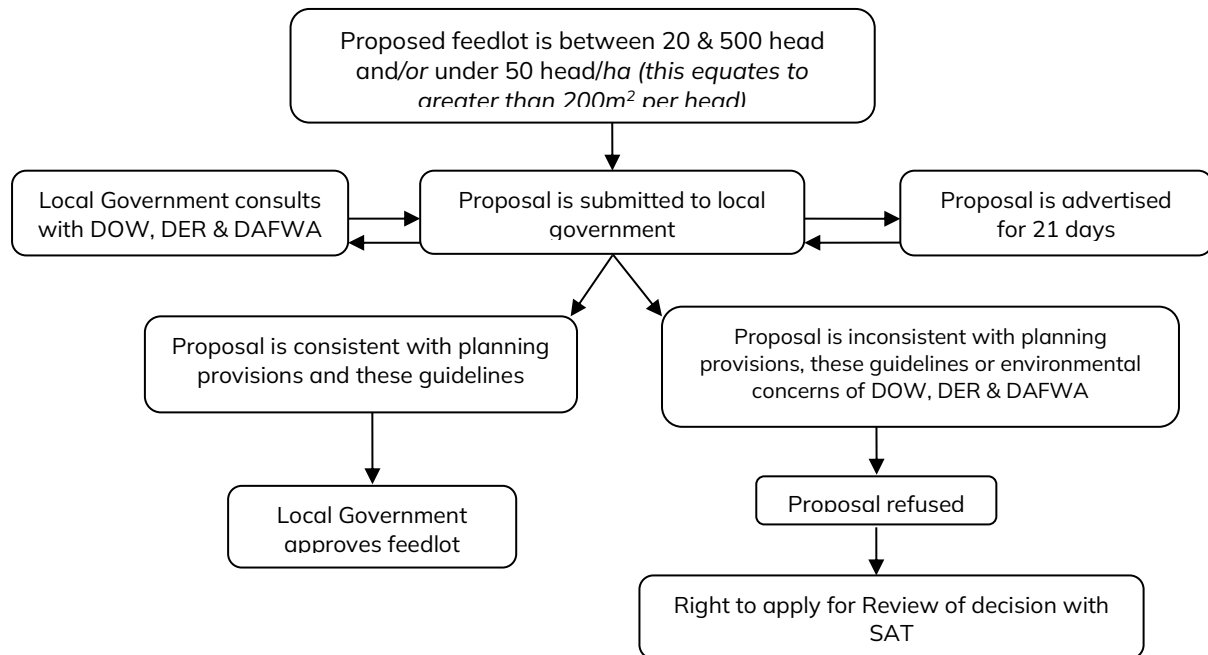
Description	Separation Distances
Groundwater table (wet season) – minimum depth separation	1.5m
Banks of water courses that flow intermittently	50m
Property boundary	50m
Private water supply bores and dams	100m
Banks or permanent streams and rivers	100m
Conservation wetlands (as identified by DOW)	200m
Boundary of wetland vegetation around estuaries and lakes	200m
Neighbouring isolated residence or public amenities	1000m
Gazetted townsites	5000m
Source: DoA, DEP & WRC (2002) 'Guidelines for the Environmental Management of Beef Cattle Feedlots in Western Australia'	

5. Feedlots to be sited in an area where the land slope is no greater than 1:20 but no less than 1:100.
6. Feedlots should be sited on sandy loam soils rather than coarse sand.
7. Stock numbers per pen are to ensure adequate management of dust and effluvia occurs and does not become a nuisance. For current stocking rates, for various stock, consult the DAFWA for appropriate standards.
8. Waste (solid and liquid) to be adequately stored and/or disposed of over the subject land. Solid wastes should not be spread on land within the minimum buffer distance from water resources. All waste disposal methods to meet DER standards.
9. Vegetation (trees and shrubs) to be planted around and amongst the pens for screening and shelter purposes, to provide windbreaks, to help with dust control and to enhance nutrient uptake. Vegetation should be appropriately chosen in order to prevent excessive shading over the pens whilst still providing shade for animals.
10. In establishing a feedlot a proponent must have regard to animal welfare and where necessary, consider the introduction of manufactured shade structures which can assist in reducing excessive heat load events. Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) has a series of publications on this issue, in particular that entitled 'Feedlot shade structures' should be used for guidance.
11. Approvals will contain conditions which may limit a maximum number of animals.

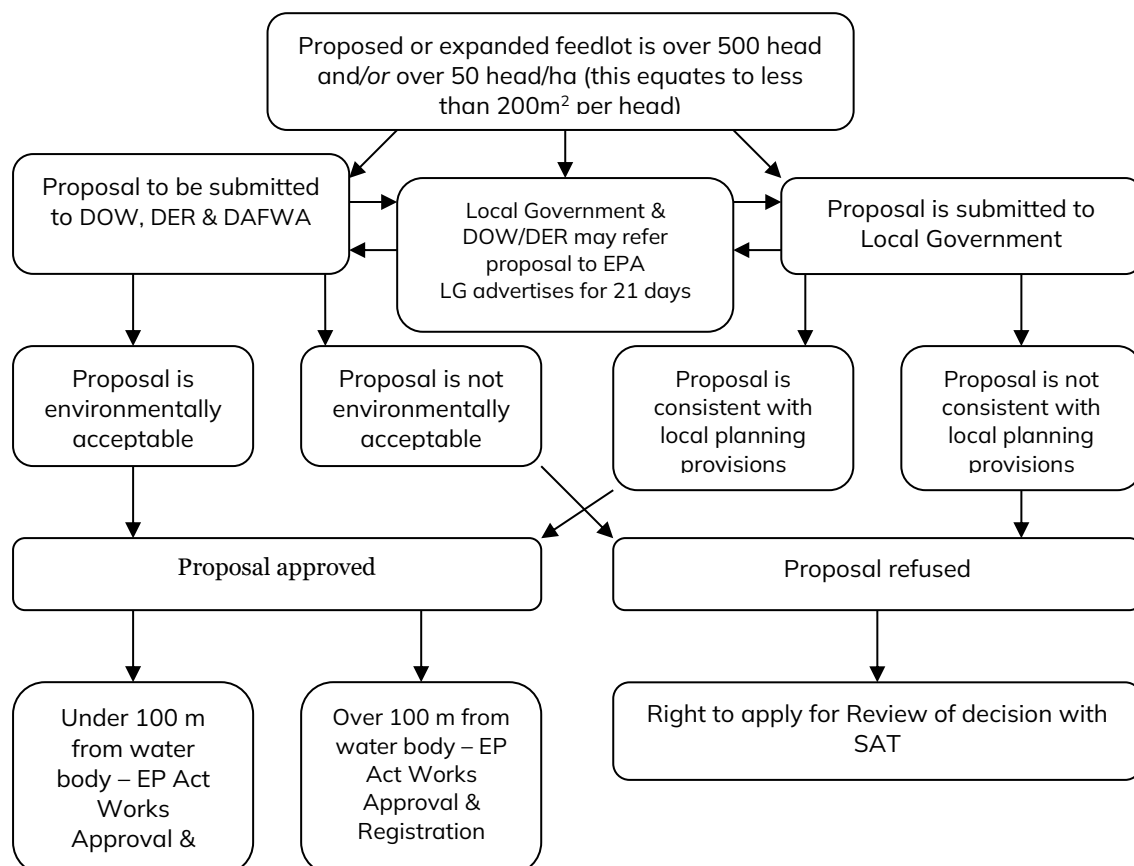
For further information on Cattle Feedlots refer to 'Guidelines for the Environmental Management of Beef Cattle Feedlots in Western Australia'.

APPENDIX ONE - APPROVALS PROCESS

SMALL FEEDLOTS



LARGE FEEDLOTS



DAFWA - Department of Agriculture & Food WA
 DER - Department of Environment Regulation
 DOW - Department of Water
 SAT - State Administrative Tribunal

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