



KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Explanatory Statement

The General Bylaw 2009: Part 7 - Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees is the seventh of a series that makes up the Kawerau District Council General Bylaw 2009. This part of the Bylaw replaces Chapter 9 of the General Bylaw 1997. The General Bylaw 2009 replaces the General Bylaw 1997.

General bylaws, by their nature, address a diverse range of matters. Kawerau District's 1997 General Bylaw contained all those matters in a single document of 12 chapters and almost 100 pages. To improve functionality, Council has made each chapter into a discrete part that can be read and used on its own. Taken together, the parts make up the General Bylaw 2009.

The purpose of this part of the Bylaw is to outline requirements for keeping poultry and animals (except domestic dogs and cats) in urban areas of the District, and for keeping bees throughout the District. The requirements are deemed necessary for the protection of neighbours and property owners.

The General Bylaw 2009 is made pursuant to Part 8 of the Local Government Act 2002. This part is also made pursuant to section 64 of the Health Act 1956.

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1 Title

This part of the Kawerau District Council General Bylaw 2009 shall be known as the Kawerau District Council General Bylaw 2009: Part 7 - Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees.

2 Commencement

This part of the Bylaw shall come into force on the 15th day of December 2009.

3 Repeal

As from the day this part of the Bylaw comes into force, Chapter 9 of the General Bylaw 1997 and any amendments in force in the Kawerau District shall be repealed.

4 Application of Bylaw

This Bylaw shall apply to the Kawerau District.

5 Scope

The purpose of this part of the Bylaw is to outline requirements for the keeping of poultry and animals (except domestic dogs and cats) in urban areas of the District, and for the keeping of bees throughout the District. The requirements are deemed necessary for the protection of neighbours and property owners.

6 Stock in urban areas

Every person wishing to keep stock in an urban area shall apply to the Council for a permit. Any such permit shall include conditions as prescribed by an authorised officer.

7 Pig keeping

Every person wishing to keep a pig in an urban area shall apply to the Council for a permit. Any such permit shall include conditions as prescribed by an authorised officer.

8 Poultry keeping

8.1 No poultry caged or otherwise (which shall include any live domesticated or farmed bird including, but not limited to, fowl, goose, duck, pigeon, turkey, parrot, budgerigar, pheasant, canary, ostrich, guinea fowl, or emu), shall be kept in an urban area except in a properly constructed poultry house covered in with a rainproof roof and provided with a floor of concrete or other approved material with a surrounding nib wall, to which a poultry run may be attached.

8.2 No poultry house or poultry run shall be erected or maintained, so that any part of it is within 10 m from any dwelling, factory, or any other building, whether wholly or partially occupied, or within 2 m of the boundary of adjoining premises.

8.3 Every poultry run shall be enclosed to confine the poultry.

8.4 Every poultry house and poultry run shall be maintained in good repair, in a clean condition, free from any overflow or offensive odour and free from vermin.

9 Noise from animal, or poultry

No person shall keep on any premises any animal or poultry which causes a noise nuisance to residents in the neighbourhood.

10 Bee keeping

10.1 An authorised officer may prescribe conditions relating to the location and number of hives able to be kept on any premises or place within an urban area of the District.

10.2 No person shall keep bees in any part of the District if, in the opinion of an authorised officer, the keeping of bees is, or is likely to become a nuisance or annoyance to neighbours or potentially dangerous or injurious to the health of any person.

Revocations

Chapter 9 of the General Bylaw 1997 is hereby revoked.

The Kawerau District Council General Bylaw 2009: Part 7 – Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees was duly made by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Kawerau District Council held on 8 December 2009 following a special consultative procedure.

The Common Seal of the
Kawerau District Council
was affixed hereto in the presence of:

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Mayor

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Chief Executive Officer

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Date