

Animal management law review 2026

Community engagement
explanatory notes



Summary of current rules and proposed changes

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1. Hens	Citywide	Up to 6 hens, minimum lot size 500m ²	Up to 6 hens, minimum lot size 400m ²	4
2. Miniature goats	Citywide	Minimum lot size 4000m ²	Up to 2 miniature goats on 1500m ² with a minimum of 1000m ² of cleared grazing land	4
3. Honeybees	Citywide	No hive limits	Property size-based hive limits. 600m ² to 1000m ² : 1 hive 1001m ² to 2000m ² : 5 hives 2001m ² to 4000m ² : 10 hives	5
4. Dogs on-leash	Laurie Burns Recreation Reserve, Coochiemudlo Island	Dogs prohibited	Dogs allowed on-leash	5
5. Dogs on-leash	Some Coochiemudlo Island foreshore areas	Dogs only allowed in designated dog off-leash area (seasonal). Dogs prohibited in other areas.	Dogs allowed off-leash in dog off-leash area (seasonal). Dogs allowed on-leash in some foreshore areas.	6
6. New dog off-leash area	Along the foreshore at the end of Bay Street in Redland Bay	Dogs allowed on-leash	Dogs allowed off-leash in dog off-leash area	7
7. Investigate establishing additional dog off-leash areas	- Nicholas Street, Russell Island - the foreshore and reserve at the western and south-western end of Karragarra Island - the south-western foreshore area near the Macleay Island jetty.	Not covered by local law	Dogs allowed off-leash in new dog off-leash area	7

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Help shape future animal management rules on Redlands Coast

Pets and animals are an important part of life on Redlands Coast and Council is reviewing parts of the Animal Management local law and subordinate local laws to ensure the rules remain practical, contemporary and reflective of community expectations.

We want to hear your views before any decisions are made.

Your feedback will help Council understand community perspectives and inform recommendations.

We want to hear from you about these proposed changes

1. Hens able to be kept on smaller residential lots.
2. Larger residential lots required for keeping miniature goats.
3. Property size-based hive limits for honeybees.
4. Dogs allowed on-leash in Laurie Burns Recreation Reserve on Coochiemudlo Island.
5. Dogs allowed on-leash in some foreshore and seashore areas of Coochiemudlo Island.
6. A new dog off-leash area along the foreshore at the end of Bay Street in Redland Bay.
7. Investigate establishing additional dog off-leash areas on Nicholas Street, Russell Island and on part of the beach and adjoining public open space along both the western and south-western area of Karragarra Island and the south-western area near the Macleay Island jetty.

Administrative updates

While we're considering these proposed changes, we're taking the opportunity to make the following administrative updates. These do not change existing obligations for residents:

- Removing duplicated dog control provisions already regulated under State legislation.
- Removing duplicated prohibited dog breed provisions already regulated by the State legislation.
- Clarifying enclosure requirements for animals other than dogs.

What is not changing?

- Maximum numbers of dogs and cats requiring approval.
- Existing animal noise and hygiene requirements.
- Fencing and containment obligations.
- Koala protection provisions.

1. Reducing the minimum property size for keeping up to six hens to 400m²

Current rule: up to six hens, minimum lot size 500m²

Why we are proposing the change

- Greater opportunity for backyard food production.
- Support for residents interested in sustainable living.
- Alignment with increasing interest in backyard poultry keeping.

Considerations

- Potential impacts on neighbouring properties.
- Management of noise and odour.
- Ensuring appropriate housing and animal welfare (noise and hygiene) standards.



2. Allowing up to two miniature goats on properties with a minimum land size of 1500m², with a minimum of 1000m² of cleared land suitable for grazing

Current rule: minimum lot size 4000m²

Why we are proposing the change

- Smaller minimum lot size to support residents interested in keeping miniature goats.
- Clear standard for grazing area size.
- Improved consistency and transparency.

Considerations

- Potential impacts on neighbours.
- Adequacy of available grazing area.
- Animal welfare (noise and hygiene).
- Containment requirements.



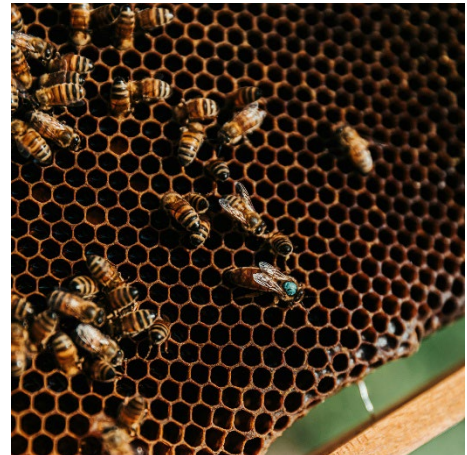
3. Limiting the number of beehives, based on property size

Current rule: no hive limits

Property size	Maximum number of hives
600m ² to 1000m ²	1 hive
1001m ² to 2000m ²	5 hives
2001m ² to 4000m ²	10 hives

Why we are proposing the change

- Greater clarity about what is permitted.
- Supports responsible urban beekeeping.
- Provides consistency across residential areas.



Considerations

- Impacts on neighbours.
- Safety.
- Appropriate hive placement and management.

4. Allowing dogs to be walked on-leash within Laurie Burns Recreation Reserve on Coochiemudlo Island

Current rule: dogs are prohibited

Why we are proposing the change

- Greater access to recreational areas for dog owners.
- Additional opportunities for walking and exercising.
- Improved accessibility for residents and visitors with dogs.

Considerations

- Potential impacts on reserve users.
- Environmental values and wildlife protection.
- Managing compliance with on-leash requirements.

5. Allowing dogs to be walked on-leash in some foreshore and seashore areas on Coochiemudlo Island

Current rule: dogs only allowed in designated dog off-leash area (seasonal). Dogs prohibited in other areas



Why we are proposing the change

- Increased access for dog owners.
- Greater connectivity between walking areas.
- Providing more places for people to exercise their dogs responsibly.

Considerations

- Environmental impacts.
- Wildlife protection.
- Potential conflict with other beach and foreshore users.

6. A new dog off-leash area along the foreshore at the end of Bay Street in Redland Bay

Current rule: dogs allowed on-leash

Why we are proposing the change

- Investigations show the site is suitable for a dog off-leash area.
- Increased opportunities for dogs to exercise, socialise and engage in off-leash recreation.

Considerations

- Environmental impacts.
- Wildlife protection.
- Potential conflict with other beach and foreshore users.

7. Investigate establishing three additional dog off-leash areas

Why we are proposing investigating the suitability of these sites as dog off-leash areas

- Requests from residents.
- Increased opportunities for dogs to exercise, socialise and engage in off-leash recreation.

Considerations

- Environmental impacts.
- Wildlife protection.
- Potential conflict with other users.

Locations

1. Nicholas Street, Russell Island



2. Part of the beach and adjoining public open space along both the western and south-western area of Karragarra Island



3. The south-western area near the Macleay Island jetty.



Administrative updates

These updates do not change requirements for residents.

Dog control provisions

Council is proposing to remove provisions that duplicate requirements already contained within the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*. This administrative amendment does not change existing obligations or enforcement powers.

Prohibited dog breeds

Council is proposing to remove Local Law provisions that duplicate State Government restrictions on prohibited dog breeds. Prohibited breeds will continue to be regulated under State legislation. There is no practical change for residents.

Purpose-built enclosures

Council is proposing a wording clarification to confirm that purpose-built enclosure requirements apply to animals other than dogs. This amendment improves clarity and does not create additional requirements for dog owners.

What happens next?

1. Community feedback is collected.
2. Feedback is reviewed and analysed.
3. Findings are presented to Council.
4. Council considers whether to adopt amendments.
5. The community is informed of the outcome.

