

If you currently keep chickens or are planning to keep roosters on your property, it's important to understand the health and planning requirements that apply within the Shire of Chittering

Roosters

Roosters can create significant impacts on the surrounding community if not managed properly. Their frequent crowing often leads to noise complaints, particularly in residential areas. The Shire of Chittering requires residents to obtain approval to ensure that roosters are kept in a way that minimises nuisance to neighbours and complies with the *Health Local Law 2017*.

Approval must be sought for anyone wishing to keep roosters on a property that is zoned:

- **Townsite**
- **Residential**
- **Rural residential**

The Shire will consider **only one** rooster per property and the applicant must prepare and provide a **Noise Management Plan** as part of the application process.

A Noise Management Plan must detail:

- How noise will be managed and minimised - e.g. use of a rooster box or similar noise-reducing structure
- Coop Placement: Positioning the coop as far as possible from neighboring dwellings and preferably behind sound barriers (fences, shrubs).
- Any other information demonstrating how noise will be minimised to prevent disturbance to neighbours

Poultry Limit

Under the *Health Local Law 2017*, residents may **keep up to 20 poultry** on a property zoned townsite, residential and rural residential. Poultry is defined as hens, chicks and a rooster (if approved).

The total number of poultry on the property must still not exceed 20. No application is required to keep hens and chicks, only roosters as above.

Breeding of Poultry

Development Approval (Planning) is required if you are breeding poultry which is also dependent on the zoning of your property. This includes breeding for eggs, meat, or any other purpose. Breeding is not permitted on properties zoned townsite, residential and rural residential.

Activity	Allowed?	Conditions
Keeping up to 20 poultry	Yes	Includes all chickens and chicks
Keeping of one rooster	Subject to Approval	Requires written approval and a Noise Management plan
Breeding Poultry	Subject to Approval	Development approval is required. Only permitted in certain zoning

Sale of Eggs

If you wish to sell eggs you are required to have Development Approval and be registered as a Food Business with the Shire of Chittering. We recommend contacting our Planning and Health teams for further information.

