

# Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020

## Keeping of Poultry - June 2023

### Poultry farms, cottage poultry farm, hobby breeding and domestic poultry

The keeping of poultry takes different forms throughout the region and includes domestic pets, hobbyists, small cottage businesses and major poultry farm operations. Large scale poultry farming is a significant industry in the Scenic Rim region, involving some 30 farms with a capacity of approximately 1 million birds.

Council reflects in its planning scheme the State's interest (outlined in the *State Planning Policy 2017*) in promoting intensive animal industries in appropriate locations, while protecting the amenity of surrounding residents.

The planning scheme also recognises small cottage poultry operations (under 1000 birds) on larger rural lots for both meat and egg production. This activity is recognised as an emerging business opportunity either as a standalone activity, or as an adjunct to existing rural activities.

### What is Poultry?

Poultry means any of the following - chickens, ducks, geese, guinea fowl and turkeys. When specifying numbers of poultry, the planning scheme identifies within section **9.3.9 Intensive Animal Industry Code** the total combined number of all poultry types kept on a site.

### I want to keep 100 poultry or less

The keeping of up to 100 poultry is defined as *domestic animals* under the planning scheme and

Table 1: Extract of **Table 9.3.9.3.2 Standards for Small Scale Intensive Animal Industry** does not require planning approval. Local laws however regulate how many, what types of poultry can be kept on a property, and the expected standards for keeping poultry as *domestic animals*. These parameters are also depended on the size of your lot. Please contact Council for information on the local law requirements (including any licencing requirements) for the keeping of up to 100 poultry.

### I want to keep less than 1000 poultry

Keeping over 100 poultry is defined as *Intensive animal industry* under the planning scheme and covers both meat chickens and egg production, as well as free range operations. In the Rural Zone (where no precinct applies and in the Tamborine Mountain Rural Precinct), cottage poultry farms on larger properties are recognised as **accepted development (subject to requirements)** where they meet the minimum site areas in Table 1 below. This means that planning approval is not required, provided that all acceptable outcomes (or requirements) under the relevant codes are met. The code outlines requirements such as setbacks from neighbours, roads, rivers and water sources. See section **9.3.9 Intensive Animal Industry Code** for more detailed information.

**Table 1: Extract of Table 9.3.9.3.2 Standards for Small Scale Intensive Animal Industry.**

Poultry in total	Minimum site area (hectares)
101-500	5
501-999	10

Where a proposal cannot meet all the acceptable outcomes for keeping less than 1000 poultry, planning approval will be required. Also, where a property is located in the Rural Zone (Rural Escarpment Protection Precinct), planning approval is automatically required for the keeping of less than 1000 poultry. *Intensive animal industry* of this scale is not supported in any other zones or precincts.

## Keeping 1000 or more Poultry

Keeping 1000 or more poultry requires planning approval and is subject to the specific requirements detailed in section **9.3.9 Intensive Animal Industry Code**. The use is also an Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) and subject to an environmental authority under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* as administered by the State Government.

Within the planning scheme, large poultry farms are potentially consistent only in the Rural Zone (where no precinct applies). Large farms are not supported in any other zones or precincts.



## What if an overlay applies to my property?

An Overlay in the Planning Scheme may also influence whether planning approval is required for the keeping of over 100 poultry. For example, an Overlay may **increase the category of**

**assessment from accepted development to assessable development** (which requires planning approval).

The best way to check whether a property is affected by an Overlay, is to view the [eplan and mapping](#) on Council's website or talk to one of our planners. If your property is affected by an Overlay, please refer to section **5.10 Categories of Development and Assessment - Overlays** which will help you determine whether the overlay means planning approval is required.

## Related Information

The *Pets and Animals* fact sheet can be found on the Scenic Rim Planning [Fact Sheets – Scenic Rim Regional Council](#)

## Infrastructure charges may apply

Payment towards the extra demand generated by your new development on the trunk infrastructure network is generally required. The infrastructure charges are levied in accordance with the Charges Resolution which can be found at [Infrastructure Charges – Scenic Rim Regional Council](#).

Further information about Infrastructure Charges is available in the *Infrastructure Charges* fact sheet.

## Doing business in the Scenic Rim

Scenic Rim Regional Council is committed to supporting local business and new entrants to the market.

Our Regional Prosperity team can assist you to navigate the information you need to start a new business, expand your existing business or relocate your business to the Scenic Rim. We encourage projects and proposals which support a sustainable and prosperous economy and align with both the Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-25 and the Planning Scheme.

For more information on how Council can support you to set up or grow your business, contact the Regional Prosperity Team on 07 5540 5111 or email [prosperity@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:prosperity@scenicrim.qld.gov.au).

## Talk to a Planner

Council's Planners are available for confidential discussions to help you navigate the planning scheme and how it affects you. Call 07 5540 5111 or alternatively email [mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au) to make an appointment.

## For more information

The planning scheme and mapping is available to view on Council's website [Scenic Rim Planning Scheme – Scenic Rim Regional Council](#).

Hard copies of the planning scheme and mapping are also available for viewing at Council's Customer Service Centres.

## Disclaimer

This fact sheet provides general information and is intended as a guide only. It may not be comprehensive in detail and as such, customers are encouraged to view the relevant sections of the *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020* or talk to a planner. Fact sheets are prepared to assist the community in understanding parts of the planning scheme.