

## POLICY DOCUMENT

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<b>Policy Name</b>	<b>GALAH AND PIGEON CULLING</b>
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<b>Responsible Department:</b>	Infrastructure and Environmental Services
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<b>Next review date:</b>	Council will review this policy 4 years after adopted date or following significant change to legislation or where required by relevant public policy considerations.
<b>Applicable Legislation:</b>	National Parks & Wildlife Act 1972 Firearms Act 1977 Animal Welfare Act 1985
<b>Related Policies:</b>	
<b>Related Documents:</b>	<a href="#">Code of Practice for the Humane Destruction of Birds By Shooting</a> <a href="#">Code of Practice for the Humane Destruction of Flocking Birds</a>

### 1. POLICY

The culling of Galahs (*Cacatua roseicapilla*) and Pigeons (*Columba livia domestica*) may be necessary in order to manage bird populations that can cause significant damage to Council assets and/or affect the safety, the health of the community or the amenity of the City.

Any culling activities will be carried out in a humane manner.

### 2. PRINCIPLES

In the event that the populations of these birds reach excessive numbers, or they cause significant damage to infrastructure or the environment, Council will determine the most appropriate option for culling, having regard to the location of the problem, population numbers, extent of infrastructure damage, environmental risk and potential public health risks. Options available may include:

- Scaring
- Shooting
- Trapping
- Poisoning

Council will only undertake bird culling activities on Council owned or managed land and infrastructure, and will not conduct culling activities in relation to residential or commercial properties.

Preventative measures to control bird populations before culling becomes required may include:

- working with key stakeholders such as Viterra and grain transporters to reduce the amount of grain available to the birds
- reduction of pigeon nesting and roosting opportunities on Council-owned infrastructure, including through the use of bird spikes, wire mesh, static wires and other devices.

Council will ensure that culling activities are carried out in a humane manner taking into consideration the following factors:

- Public Risk
- Targeted Animal Destruction
- Injured Birds
- Disposal of Culled Birds
- Public Health Issues.

All culling activities will be carried out in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulation, and any codes and guidelines as issued by the Department for Environment and Water.

### **3. RELEVANT DELEGATED POWERS AND DUTIES**

Any actions or decisions made regarding this policy, will be taken in compliance with Council's current Delegations Register.