

# FACT SHEET

## KEEPING POULTRY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES



### Shelters for fowls, ducks etc

No person shall keep or allow to remain on any land of which they are the owner or occupier any fowls, ducks, geese or turkeys unless they are contained within a structure which:

- (a) has a floor space of at least 0.4 square metres for each bird therein;
- (b) is constructed of sound timber, wire netting and sheet metal or other approved material to a minimum height of 1.5 metres and in such manner as to render the said accommodation vermin-proof, weatherproof and which allows adequate ventilation therein;
- (c) is enclosed with a framework covered with wire netting or other approved material, and surrounded with sheet metal or other approved material extending from *at* least 200 mm below ground level to not less than 400 mm above ground level;
- (d) has an internal floor surface constructed of or paved with concrete or other approved material to a smooth, hard, impervious finish at a height of at least 100 mm above the adjacent ground level;
- (e) has at least one door opening above a solid step which shall be at least 400 mm above the floor level;
- (f) has a weatherproof roof which is provided with efficient drainage so that all stormwater is carried away from the structure to a storage tank, sump or grass swale;
- (g) is maintained at all times in good order and repair and in a clean and sanitary condition free from rats, vermin, offensive odours or conditions; and which is not located :
  - (h) less than two (2) metres from any side boundary of the property; and
  - (i) not less than 15 metres from any street, road, dwelling, shop, factory, public building or other structure used by persons for living or working, or any building to which the public ordinarily has access, provided that such distance may be 10 metres if 12 birds or less are kept. Development approval is required before a shed with an area greater than 15 square metres, or a height greater than 2.5 metres above natural ground level or, a width greater than 3 metres, can be constructed (refer Note 1 below).

Development approval is also required where poultry is to be kept for commercial purposes.

**Note 1:** A shed associated with a property that is State Heritage listed requires Development approval regardless of the size.

**Note 2:** Roosters are not desirable in a township area because of the disruptive noise factor.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The information provided in this article is intended to be a summary. All applications are considered on their individual merits and therefore situations may vary.

If you have any development enquiries or require more detailed information, please view Council's website at [ahc.sa.gov.au](http://ahc.sa.gov.au) or contact Strategy and Development Services on 8408 0400.