

New Zealand Standard

# Model General Bylaws

Part 13 – The Keeping of Animals, Poultry  
and Bees

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**NEW ZEALAND LEGISLATION**

Health Act 1956

Local Government Act 1974

## FOREWORD

The NZS 9201 series are model bylaws covering various matters under local authority jurisdiction. Local authorities are empowered under the Local Government Act 1974 to make bylaws.

This Standard supersedes NZS 9201:Chapter 13:1972 *The keeping of animals, poultry and bees*. The revision simplifies the previous standard by deleting all the requirements related to pigsties and pigswill as pig keeping is not generally allowed in areas which have a predominantly urban character under the District Plan.

Reference should be made to NZS 9201:Part 1 *Introductory* for any other definitions not included in this Part.

## NOTES

# NEW ZEALAND STANDARD

## MODEL GENERAL BYLAWS

### Part 13

## THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS, POULTRY AND BEES

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### 1300 SCOPE

The purpose of this Part of the bylaw is to outline requirements for the keeping of animals, poultry and bees. The requirements are deemed necessary for the protection of neighbours and property owners.

This bylaw is made pursuant to section 684 of the Local Government Act 1974, and section 64 of the Health Act 1956.

### 1301 PIG KEEPING

No pigs shall be kept in any area which has a predominantly urban character under the District Plan prepared by the Council.

### 1302 STOCK IN URBAN AREAS

Any person keeping stock in an urban area shall ensure that premises where stock are kept meet such conditions as may be prescribed by an authorized officer.

### 1303 POULTRY KEEPING

#### 1303.1

No poultry caged or otherwise (which shall include geese, ducks, pigeons, turkeys, and domestic fowls of all descriptions) shall be kept in a predominantly urban area except in a properly constructed poultry house covered in with a rainproof roof and provided with a floor of concrete or other approved material with a surrounding nibwall, to which a poultry run may be attached.

#### 1303.2

No poultry house or poultry run shall be erected or maintained, so that any part of it is within 10 m from any dwelling, factory, or any other building, whether wholly or partially occupied, or within 2 m of the boundary of adjoining premises.

**1303.3**

Every poultry run shall be enclosed to confine the poultry.

**1303.4**

Every poultry house and poultry run shall be maintained in good repair, in a clean condition free from any offensive smell or overflow and free from vermin.

**1304 NOISE FROM ANIMAL, BIRD, OR FOWL**

No person shall keep on any premises any noisy animal, bird, or poultry which causes a nuisance to residents in the neighbourhood.

**1305 BEE KEEPING**

**1305.1**

No person shall keep bees if in the opinion of an authorized officer the keeping of bees is, or is likely to become a nuisance or annoyance to any person or potentially dangerous or injurious to health.

**1305.2**

An authorized officer may prescribe conditions relating to the location and number of hives able to be kept on any premises or place within an urban area of the District.

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