



# Barking Dogs

Excessive dog barking can be annoying for neighbours and the community. A dog is considered a nuisance:

- if, in the opinion of an authorised person it unreasonably disrupts or inhibits an activity ordinarily carried out on residential premises
- if it barks for more than six minutes in any hour between 10pm and 7am on any day
- if it barks for more than three minutes in any 30 minute period between 10pm and 7am on any day

## Neighbourhood communication

If your neighbour's dog is barking excessively, you can try approaching the dog's owner directly. The owner may not realise the barking is an issue because the:

- dog may only bark a lot when the owner is away
- owner may not hear the barking from areas inside the house
- owner may be a very sound sleeper and not be woken up when the dog barks

If the owner of the dog agrees to do something about the barking, wait a few weeks to see if they have been successful in their efforts. Your support and ongoing feedback about the dog's behaviours can assist the dog owner to resolve the problem.

## Report to Council

If you are not comfortable approaching the owner when the dog barks excessively or if the dog continues to bark after the owner has had time to resolve the problem, you can report the issue to Council. If you have the exact location details of the dog, including house number and street.

If this is the first time you are making a complaint about a barking dog, Council will send you a [Noise Nuisance Diary](#) - so you can provide further information. Completing the Noise nuisance diary can help progress the

