

WORKING DOG REGISTRATION EXEMPTION FORM

The following details are provided to assist Council to establish if your dog/s qualify as a working dog in accordance with the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* and *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Regulation 2009*.

OWNER DETAILS					
Name					
Postal Address					
Address where dog/s are kept					
Contact Phone Number/s					
Email Address					
WORKING DOG NO. 1					
Type of Animal					
Name		Age			
Breed		Colours			
Gender	☐ Female	☐ Male	Desexed	☐ Yes	☐ No
Distinguishing Features or Marks					
Tag No and/or Microchip No. (if applicable)					
WORKING DOG NO. 2					
Type of Animal					
Name		Age			
Breed		Colours			
Gender	☐ Female	☐ Male	Desexed	☐ Yes	☐ No
Distinguishing Features or Marks					
Tag No and/or Microchip No. (if applicable)					
WORKING DOG NO. 3					
Type of Animal					
Name		Age			
Breed		Colours			
Gender	☐ Female	☐ Male	Desexed	☐ Yes	☐ No
Distinguishing Features or Marks					
Tag No and/or Microchip No. (if applicable)					

If the application is for more than 3 dogs, please provide details for additional animals and attach to this application.

ASSESSMENT (see overleaf for Important Information)

If you tick **NO** to any of the questions below, your dog/s **DO NOT** qualify as “**Working Dogs**” and you will be required to register your dog/s in accordance with the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*

Does your dog work stock?	☐ Yes ☐ No	This means your dog/s is/are used primarily for the purpose of droving, protecting, tending or working stock. If you ticked YES, please provide further details or attach documents to support that your dog/s is/are working dogs. (e.g. Letter from applicant’s accountant)
Do you live on rural land?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Just being zoned rural land does not qualify you under the Act. Rural land for the purpose of the legislation means your land is used for grazing or cultivating on a commercial basis. If you ticked YES, please provide further details or attach documents to support that you qualify.
Are you a primary producer?	☐ Yes ☐ No	A “Primary Producer” is a person whose main occupation is a farmer (dairy, grain, cane, fruit, grazier, etc). If you ticked YES, please provide further details by attaching documents to support that you qualify as a “Primary Producer”.

Further information:

Note: If your dog has been declared a dangerous or menacing dog (prescribed under *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Regulation 2009*), your dog/s DO NOT qualify as “Working Dogs”.

APPLICANT DECLARATION

- I hereby declare the information that I have provided on this form is true and correct.

Name			
Signature		Date	

Privacy Notice: Mareeba Shire Council is collecting your personal information in accordance with the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, for the purpose of processing your working dog registration exemption form. If you choose not to provide your personal information, the form may not be accepted. Your personal information will only be accessed by authorised Council employees. Your personal information will not be used for any other purpose or disclosed to any other person or entity unless you have given us permission, or we are required by law. Please refer to Council’s QPP Privacy Policy for further information on access or correction of personal information held by Council.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EXTRACT – Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008

Section 44 Registration obligation

1) This section does not apply to–

- a) the operator of pound or shelter; or

Note –

However, the operator of a pound or shelter may be required under section 43E to apply to be registered as a registered breeder.

- b) the owner of a dog less than 12 weeks old.

2) An owner of a dog must comply with section 46 to register the dog in the relevant local government's area within 14 days after starting to keep the dog in the area unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty – 20 penalty units.

3) A person who becomes an owner of a dog must comply with section 46 to register the dog in the relevant local government's area within 14 days unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty – 20 penalty units.

4) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against subsection (2) or (3) for the defendant to prove the dog is–

- a) a government entity dog; or
- b) a working dog; or
- c) another class of dog prescribed under a regulation.

Schedule 2 Dictionary

primary producer –

a) means a person primarily engaged in the occupation of a –

- i) dairy farmer; or
- ii) wheat, maize or cereal grower; or
- iii) cane grower; or
- iv) fruit grower; or
- v) grazier; or
- vi) farmer, whether engaged in general or mixed farming, cotton, potato, or vegetable growing, or poultry or pig raising; and

b) includes a person engaged in primary production.

Rural land means land used for grazing stock or cultivating crops on a commercial basis.

Working dog –

a) means a dog usually kept or proposed to be kept–

- i) on rural land; and
- ii) by an owner who is a primary producer, or a person engaged or employed by a primary producer; and
- iii) primarily for the purpose of–
 - A. droving, protecting, tending, or working, stock; or
 - B. being trained in droving, protecting, tending, or working, stock; and

b) does not include a class of dog prescribed under a regulation.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Documents can include but are not limited to a letter from applicant's accountant, tax returns and/or rates notice.