

WORKING DOGS SELF-ASSESSMENT FORM

The following details are provided to assist dog owners establish if their 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			
Contact Phone Number/s			
Email Address			
Property where animal is to be kept?			
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".			
Does your dog work stock?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> 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.
Do you live on rural land?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> 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?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	A "Primary Producer" is a person who's 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 <i>Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Regulation 2009</i>), your dog/s DO NOT qualify as "Working Dogs".			
APPLICANT DECLARATION			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I hereby declare the information that I have provided on this form is true and correct. 			
Name			
Signature		Date	
<p><i>Privacy Notice: Mareeba Shire Council is collecting your personal information to process your self-assessment application for a working dog/s status. The information will only be accessed by authorised Council employees. Some of this information may be given to a third-party person who finds your animal wandering at large and wishes to return it to you. This information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given us permission, or we are required by law.</i></p>			

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.