

Nuisance/Barking Dog Complaint Form



This document, including the 7-day barking dog diary, is required to assist Council in determining whether or not the noise created by the dog(s) could be deemed a nuisance under the definition of the Domestic Animals Act 1994:

Section 32 (2)(b) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 provides that; “A dog or cat is to be regarded as a nuisance for the purpose of this section...If it creates a noise, by barking or otherwise, which persistently occurs or continues to such a degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any other premises.”

You can also complete this form and review the Barking Dog Information Booklet online by visiting:

<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/pets-and-animals/barking-dogs>

Customer Name:			
Address:			
Contact Home:	Business:	Mobile:	
Email:			
Address of Nuisance Dogs			
I have read and understood the above definition of “nuisance”	YES	NO	
I acknowledge that if the barking noise I am experiencing is not found to fall within this definition, then it does not actually constitute an offence and therefore there are no legal grounds for Council to take further action.	YES	NO	
I have attached the 7-day dog barking diary log specifying dates & times of barking	YES	NO	
I understand that my complaint will be treated confidentially, however I cannot remain anonymous in the investigation process	YES	NO	
Have you contacted Council previously about this matter	YES	NO	
Have you read the Barking Dog Information Booklet?	YES	NO	
Are you prepared to provide a formal statement and to attest to the information provided in this document under oath in Court? <i>If you are not prepared to support your claims in Court or participate in the investigation process, any action taken by Council in regards to this concern may be limited</i>	YES	NO	

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information requested on this form is being collected by Council for the purpose of investigating concerns about barking noise nuisance, as defined in the Domestic Animals Act 1994. The personal information will be used by Council for that primary purpose or directly related purposes. The information may also be used to update Council’s customer databases to assist Council in discharging its functions or providing services. The personal information collected will not otherwise be disclosed unless permitted or required by law. If the information is not collected, Council will not be able to pursue the investigation into the concern you raised. Requests for access to and/or amendment of personal information should be made to Council’s Privacy Officer.

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How long has the barking been occurring?	
How long have you resided at your current address?	
How have you verified where the barking is coming from?	
Type of noise—ie. Barking, howling, crying, yapping	
Duration of noise—ie. intermittent, constant, daily, mornings, nights,	
How many dogs are barking?	
Have you seen the dogs, if so please provide a description—ie. Colour, breed, size, etc.	
Are there any possible triggers for the barking—ie. When owners are not home, people walking past, possums, etc.	
How is the barking impacting you—ie. Disrupted sleep, cannot open windows, etc.	
Have you taken any actions to try and address the barking—ie. Speaking to the dogs owner, leaving a note in their letterbox, etc.	
Is there anything else you would like to add in relation to this nuisance complaint?	