

TITLE: BIRD CONTROL

STRATEGIC PROGRAM: NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

DIVISION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

POLICY:

C109/06 Minute No: C109/06 Ordinary Meeting 18 April 2006

That the following work is carried out and guidelines adopted to ensure the control of pigeons and other birds in Council Parks and on public and private property:

- a. The installation of signs in 36th Battalion and Pioneer Park Leichhardt stating that it is an offence to feed pigeons and other birds in the area. The signs would read **“Feeding the pigeons and other birds is prohibited .Fine \$110. By Order Leichhardt Council Section 632 Local Government Act 1993”**.
- b. Endorse the issuing of on the spot penalty notices (\$110) for acting contrary to the signs/notices erected by Council. **On the spot fines will only be issued after the signs have erected or installed for a period of 2 months and park users who are feeding the birds or pigeons are consulted and educated during this time.**
- c. Signs will also be installed in other parks and public places in the Leichhardt Council Area if complaints are received and monitoring/surveillance reveals that the feeding of pigeons and other birds needs to be controlled by the installation of signs.
- d. If complaints are received by Council and investigations reveal that the feeding and/or keeping of pigeons or other birds on private property is a nuisance or will affect the health of surrounding residents or impact on the environment that Council issue Orders under Section 124 LGA 1993 - Order 18 and/or 21 where the keeping of birds are inappropriate due to their kind or number or are not kept in a healthy condition.
- e. If complaints are received by Council and investigations reveal that the feeding of pigeons and other birds on public and private property will affect the local environment that action be taken under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.
- f. Seek the assistance from bakeries and bread shops in the local area to discourage local residents gaining access to supplies of bread and other related products for the feeding of pigeons and other birds.
- g. Continue educating park users, the general public and residents by distributing Council’s education brochure “Living with Birds in Leichhardt” and up dating Council’s web site so as to encourage bird diversity in a natural and environmental sustainable way.