

POLICY NO.	P.07
POLICY SUBJECT	Feedlots (Intensive Stock Farming)
ADOPTION DATE	17 June 2004
VARIATION DATE	21 December 2007, 16 May 2019

Objective

To provide procedures and requirements for feedlot proposals.

Definition

Section 5.5.1 of the *Shire of Boyup Brook Health Local Law 2004* (the Health Local Law) interprets, for the purpose of Division 5 of the Health Local Law, feedlot and animals to mean as follows:

5.5.1 For the purpose of this division—

“feedlot” means a confined area with watering and feeding facilities where animals or birds are held and fed for the purpose of weight gain;

“animal” includes sheep, lambs, goats, deer, cattle and buffalo; “birds” includes roosters, hens, geese, turkeys, ducks, poultry, emus and ostriches.

For the purpose of this policy, a feedlot is a confined yard area with watering and feeding facilities where the raw material (the stock animals), is completely hand or mechanically fed for the purpose of production, i.e. to add muscle/meat to their frame and optimise fat cover in preparation for slaughter (finishing).

This expanded definition of a feedlot does not include:

- the feeding or penning of (stock) animals in this way for weaning or dipping;
- maintenance feeding, e.g. confining and feeding to maintain the condition of breeding (stock) animals; or
- similar husbandry purposes e.g. for drought or emergency feeding; or
- at a slaughtering place or in recognised saleyards.

Development

This type of land use shall be deemed by the Council to be an ‘SA’ use under the Scheme defined as “*a use that is not permitted unless the Council has granted planning approval after giving notice in accordance with clause 3.5, which requires the following to be carried out:-*

- 1 *notice of the proposed development to be served on the owners and occupiers likely to be affected by the granting of planning approval stating that submissions may be made to the Council within 21 days of the service of such notice;*

- 2 *notice of the proposed development to be published in a newspaper circulating the scheme area stating that submissions may be made to the Council within 21 days from the publication thereof”.*

Application

Applications shall be made to the Council in the form required by the Scheme and must include an accurate map of the property with all relevant distances indicated.

Site Selection

- 1 Not within 5 kms of a gazetted Townsite with the Council having discretionary powers to approve sites less than 5 kms.
- 2 Gently sloping land, generally no greater than 1:20 but not less than 1:100.
- 3 Sandy loam soils with sufficient infiltration to avoid surface ponding and reduce run-off. Coarse sand is not suitable.
- 4 Minimum groundwater clearance of 3m.

Establishment and Management Requirements

- 1 Establish trees and shrubs in dense belts so as to create a windbreak and general screen.
- 2 For cattle, the recommended stocking rate of area will be 9-25m² /head, dependent on soil types and rainfall.
- 3 Drainage should be designed to divert all uncontaminated stormwater from the general waste stream.
- 4 Solid and liquid waste shall be disposed of so as not to be detrimental to the environment.
- 5 Dependent on stock numbers the following methods of disposal may need to be incorporated.
 - (a) Liquids
 - (i) Evaporation ponds
 - (ii) Irrigation dependent on soil's ability to absorb nutrient, maximum infiltration rate in winter and nutrient loading the wastewater.

(iii) Disposal area to be rested at least 14 days after application.

It should be emphasised that liquid wastes produce considerable odour when aerated by spray irrigation which may limit some methods.

b) Solids:

i) Spread evenly by suitably designed machinery so as not to create a nuisance (flies, odours).

ii) Area to maintain vegetation cover and application rate not exceed 30 tonnes/ha/yr.

Buffer Distances

Separation distances (Including Waste Disposal Areas)

Townsites	5000m
Residence	1000m- less by Council approval.
Road	50m
Property Boundaries	50m
Designated Water Catchment Areas	Not Permitted
Water Courses – Major	300m
Minor	100m
Stock and domestic watering supplies	300m