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Local Orders Policy 2003– Keeping of Animals (Order 18) Fact Sheet

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 SECTION 124

ORDER 18(18) – The keeping of bees

Criteria

18.1 All provisions of the Apiaries Act 1985 must be complied with.

18.2 The aims, objectives and husbandry procedures as defined in the NSW Code of Practice for Beekeeping must be complied with.

18.3 Residential Areas

In urban areas, no more than two hives per residential block is permitted, and then only when the following circumstances prevail:

- (a) The hive is more than 9 metres from any neighbouring premises, greater distances apply from child care centres and schools;
- (b) The hive is regularly re-queened with a recognised mild strain;
- (c) The flight board is not directed at, or within 9 metres of any public thoroughfare or recreation area;
- (d) A permanent water source suitable for bees is established within close proximity to the hive;
- (e) The hive is not within nine metres of any neighbouring swimming pool;
- (f) A suitable barrier is erected close to the landing board to force flight paths above two metres;
- (g) The hive is regularly serviced by a competent manager;
- (h) The swarming of the bees is controlled;
- (i) The flight board is not directed at any neighbour activity area, for example washing area, barbeque area or childrens' play area;
- (j) Diseases are properly controlled, as is regulated by NSW Agriculture; and
- (k) The keeping of bees in unit and townhouse developments is not permitted.

Note – *In order to keep more than two hives, development consent is required.*

18.4 Wild Hives

- (a) Wild hives must be controlled. Any person having a wild hive on their property must consult NSW Agriculture for advice.
- (b) A wild hive is described as feral bees not in a domesticated situation and not kept within a bee frame or a beekeeper's box.

