

Have your say on the draft Animal Management Plan

Residents in the City of Marion are being asked to have their say on the Council's latest draft Animal Management Plan.

Councils are required by State law to have a five-year plan covering how it manages dogs and cats in the community and other animals.

The draft Animal Management Plan 2023-2028 is now available on the [Making Marion website](#) with submissions closing Monday, May 8.

"This plan is very important if you are either protective of your animals or concerned about other people's animals and while it covers the management of dogs and cats it covers other animals as well," Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna said.

"A review of our last plan showed we've experienced fewer wandering dogs impounded at the RSPCA.

"We've also created the Hazelmere Reserve Dog Park and introduced a cat curfew and controls around the keeping of roosters and peacocks on residential land.

"The new draft plan proposes a number of key strategies, and some new actions are proposed including consideration of mandatory cat registration and increased monitoring of the requirement for dog owners to carry waste bags or containers with them when they are walking their pets.

"We are also going to look at cat nuisance issues and how we might address the problem of stray or semi-owned cats including a focus on increasing desexing rates.

"If you would like to have your say on the draft plan, head to the Making Marion website and put in a submission."

The City of Marion's current plan expires in June. The new draft plan is available for viewing [HERE](#).

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