



# PITTWATER COUNCIL

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**TITLE:** HORSES ON PRIVATE PREMISES

**STRATEGY:** LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT  
BIODIVERSITY

**BUSINESS UNIT:** ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2005

**RELATED POLICIES:** NONE

## Objectives

To manage the keeping of horses on premises to prevent public health, safety and nuisance concerns.

## Policy Statement

- For the purposes of Council, the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 1993* the keeping of horses is considered “agriculture” and has the same meaning as “Agriculture” and “Cultivation” in the *Local Government Act 1919*.

The term is defined as follows: “Agriculture” and “Cultivation” includes horticulture and the use of land for any purpose of husbandry, including the keeping or breeding of live stock, poultry, or bees, and the growing of fruit, vegetables, and the like, and “agricultural” and “cultivate” have a corresponding meaning.

- The keeping of horses is not supported in any zone of Pittwater except those listed in the following table.

<b>PLEP 1993 ZONE</b>	<b>Type of consent</b>
Zone No 1(a) (NON-URBAN “A”)	Without development consent
Zone No 1(a1) (NON-URBAN “A1”)	Only with development consent
Zone No 1(b) (NON-URBAN “B”)	Without development consent
Zone No 1(c) (NON-URBAN “C”)	Without development consent
All other zones	Not Supported

3. The keeping of horses requires suitable stable accommodation, enclosure/yard space and animal health management practices to be in place.
4. A stable for the keeping of horses does not require development consent provided it meets the criteria of State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008.
5. Implementation of the powers outlined in Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Schedule 2 - Standards Enforceable by Orders: Part 5, Division 3:
  - a) Horses must not be kept within 9 metres (or such greater distance as the council may determine in a particular case) of a dwelling, school shop, office, factory, workshop, church or other place of public worship, public hall or premises used for the manufacture, preparation or storage of food.
  - b) The floors of stables must be paved with concrete or mineral asphalt or other equally impervious material, and must be properly graded to drain.
  - c) Horse yards must be so enclosed as to prevent the escape of horses.
6. The keeping of horses is to be managed in accordance with:
  - a) “Environmental Management on the Urban Fringe – Horse Properties on the rural urban fringe” published by the Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW), September 2004.
7. Each horse shall be provided with a horse yard being a minimum area of 100 square metres (excluding the stable). Reference: “Environmental Management on the Urban Fringe – Horse Properties on the rural urban fringe” published by the Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW), September 2004.
8. Liquid wastewaters from stables are to be graded and drained to:
  - a) the Sydney Water sewage system (premises where the sewer is available).
  - b) a separately dedicated on-site sewage management system (premises where the sewer is not available).
9. All feed receptacles are to be vermin proof and fly proof.
10. All manure and other materials contaminated by liquid or solid wastes are to be removed from the stable and yard areas daily.
11. All collected manure and other materials contaminated by liquid or solid wastes are to be contained in closed, waterproof and flyproof receptacles.
12. The receptacles containing the collected manure and other materials contaminated by liquid or solid wastes are not to be stored in close proximity to the boundaries of the premises.
13. Manure and other materials contaminated by liquid or solid wastes are to be removed from the premises at least one in every seven consecutive days.
14. The premises shall be maintained free from nuisance, flies, vermin and offensive odour at all times.
15. A regular and effective cleaning and maintenance regime is to be maintained in and around the horse stable/s and yard area/s.
16. Liquid and solid horse wastes are to be effectively prevented from escaping from the horse stable/s and yard area/s.

