

Law	Community feedback provided	Officer comments
Shire of Roebourne Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law 2012	1. Current laws are not strong enough to stop neighbours' cats from coming onto someone's else's property and terrorising other animals and defecating in the garden.	The scope and purpose of the local law do not cover the issues raised. Nuisance created by wandering cats is not currently addressed under the <i>Cat Act 2011</i>. The <i>Cat Amendment (Local Laws) Bill 2026</i> however, which was introduced and had a first reading in Parliament in February 2026, seeks to provide a power to local governments to make Cat Local Laws that would enable controls in relation to containment of cats.
	2. Current Laws are not strong enough to stop barking dogs and mine spec vehicle reversing alarms from waking neighbours up in the early hours of the morning.	The scope and purpose of the local law do not cover the issues raised. Nuisance created by barking dogs is addressed under the <i>Dog Act 1976</i>. Nuisance created by reversing alarms on vehicles is addressed under the <i>Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997</i>.
	3. I feel these laws have been put in place to minimise the ability of landowners to live independently and free. Some valid points regarding waste management but these laws if followed to the letter leaves nothing for the people to physically do with their lives.	The issues raised are not specific enough to address.

	You basically can't be home, if you want to do anything you have to find somewhere else to do it.	
	4. I feel there's not enough being done around roaming cats. I understand a trap can be dropped off but the problem is getting out of hand with no real consequences. Fines need to be handed out earlier and people need to start keeping their animals in their yards. I've had a cat jump into our yard walk up to my young child and scratch them without any reason and my child not even touching the cat. The property damage caused by cats is getting ridiculous, we've had vehicle scratches down our bonnet, brand new boat chairs scratched and general marks on our cars. The local laws surrounding animals that are not kept on properties needs to be harsher. Most people have cameras and in some cases are aware of where that animal lives which to me once the home owner has confirmed the animal they own then a fine issued due to camera footage and confirmation. I'm also scared taking my children for a walk because of the roaming dogs. I understand there are limitations but there are some people who will take issues into their own hands and it's the animal that suffers.	The scope and purpose of this law do not cover the issues raised. Nuisance created by wandering cats is not currently addressed under the <i>Cat Act 2011</i>. The <i>Cat Amendment (Local Laws) Bill 2026</i> however, which was introduced and had a first reading in Parliament in February 2026, seeks to provide a power to local governments to make Cat Local Laws that would enable controls in relation to containment of cats. Nuisance created by wandering dogs is addressed under the <i>Dog Act 1976</i>.
Shire of Roebourne Health Local Law 2012	Nil	N/A

Shire of Roebourne Local Government Property Local Law 2003	Nil	N/A
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