



*By-law made under the Local Government Act 1999
and the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*

CATS BY-LAW 2018

By-law No. 6 of 2018

For the management and control of cats within the Council's area.

Part 1 – Preliminary

1. Short Title

This by-law may be cited as the *Cats By-law 2018*.

2. Commencement

This by-law will come into operation four months after the day on which it is published in the *Gazette* in accordance with Section 249(5) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

3. Definitions

In this By-law:

- 3.1 **cattery** means a building, structure, premises or area approved by the relevant authority pursuant to the *Development Act 1993* for the keeping of cats on a temporary or permanent basis;
- 3.2 **cat** means an animal of the species *Felis catus* over 3 months of age;
- 3.3 **control**, in relation to a cat, includes the person having ownership, possession or charge of, or authority over, the cat;
- 3.4 **keep** includes the provision of food or shelter;
- 3.5 **premises** includes:
 - 3.5.1 land;
 - 3.5.2 a part of any premises or land.

Part 2 – Cat Management and Control

4. Limit on Cat Numbers

- 4.1 A person must not, without permission, keep any cat on any premises where the number of cats on the premises exceeds the prescribed limit.

- 4.2 Permission under subparagraph 4.1 may be given if the Council is satisfied that:
- 4.2.1 no insanitary condition exists on the premises as a result of the keeping of cats;
 - 4.2.2 a nuisance is not caused to any neighbour as a result of the keeping of cats on the premises; and
 - 4.2.3 all cats kept on the premises are desexed.
- 4.3 The **prescribed limit** on the number of cats to be kept on premises is two.
- 4.4 The prescribed limit does not apply to:
- 4.4.1 a cattery;
 - 4.4.2 a veterinary practice;
 - 4.4.3 a pet shop; or
 - 4.4.4 any premises that the Council has exempted from the requirements of this paragraph;
 - 4.4.5 cats owned by a person who carries on a business as a cat breeder provided that the person is lawfully operating such business in accordance with all relevant approvals and any conditions reasonably imposed by the Council.

Part 3 – Miscellaneous

5. Revocation

Council's *By-law No.6 – Cats*, published in the *Gazette* on 18 March 2010, is revoked on the day on which this by-law comes into operation.

The foregoing by-law was duly made and passed at a meeting of the Mid Murray Council held on the 13th day of March 2018 by an absolute majority of the members for the time being constituting the Council, there being at least two thirds of the members present.



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Chief Executive Officer