



# Barking Dog Diary

If the excessive barking continues you may choose to make a formal report to Council. On receipt of your initial complaint, you will need to provide Central Coast Council with the address of the barking dog. Council will then write to the dog's owner to inform them of the barking problem and provide them with information that may help.

For a Council Officer to see the extent of the issue you will be asked to keep a diary of the barking. This diary will then be assessed to determine whether further investigation is warranted under the Companion Animals Act 1998.

The Diary must be completed over 14 consecutive days. Each day must be completed, however if you are not at home on any given day it should be noted on the diary. Every page must be signed and dated by yourself and your signature witnessed by another person.

Each recorded day must include the following:

- The location of the barking dog.
- A description of the barking dog.
- The day and date.
- The start and stop times of the barking; and
- A record of the times you were not at home.

Once the diary has been completed you should return it to Council:

**Attn: Ranger Services  
Wyong Office  
Central Coast Council  
2 Hely Street Wyong NSW 2259**

A sample of a barking dog diary is available on the next page of this document.



