

1. Scaregun Policy

- 1.1 A person must not use a scaregun within 1000m of a residential area.
- 1.2 A scaregun may be used without a permit on rural zoned land subject to the following conditions:
- a. the scaregun must be positioned at least 300m from any dwelling on an adjoining property
 - b. the scaregun must be set to provide a clear interval between blasts (or cycles of blasts) of at least 8 minutes
 - c. the scaregun can only be used for a maximum of 6 hours per day, between the following hours:
 - i. Eastern Standard Time 7AM-10AM and 4PM – 7PM
 - ii. Daylight Savings Time 7AM – 10AM and 5PM – 8PM
 - d. a cycle of blasts may be up to three blasts, and must not exceed 60 seconds from the first blast to the last blast of the cycle
 - e. the scaregun must be located in or adjacent to the crop being protected, and subject to the distance specified in (1.1) and (1.2)(a)
 - f. scareguns must be of an electronic programmable gas fired type
 - g. The number of scare guns must not exceed 1 per 4Ha of crop area or part thereof, and must be positioned at least 150m from any other scaregun
 - h. Where multiple scareguns are used on one property, the interval of at least 8 minutes between blasts (or cycles of blasts) for any scaregun on the property must be maintained
- 1.3 Noise levels must not exceed the levels specified for scareguns in *the Environment Protection Authority's Publication 1254 Noise Control Guidelines (October 2008)*

- 1.4 Scaregun users may apply for a permit to vary the conditions outlined above. In deciding whether to grant a permit, Council must take into account:
- a. Consultation with nearby residents / businesses that may be affected by the change
 - b. A written application justifying the requested changes to standard conditions, including:
 - i. The proposed locations, timing and other details of the requested change to the use of scareguns
 - ii. An overall management strategy for dealing with crop damage caused by birds including a range of methods that are / will be used
 - iii. The commercial nature of the crop(s) to be protected
 - iv. Other matters as relevant in consultation with Council.