

Barking Dog

Dear Neighbour

This is just a note to let you know out of a genuine concern for your pet's welfare, as you may not be aware, that your dog is barking frequently which is somewhat distressing.

I understand that dogs do need to bark and this is a natural part of their behaviour yet, as you may appreciate, barking can be distracting and unpleasant for people living nearby.

I thought a short note making you aware of the situation would be the best approach.

I sincerely hope this matter can be easily resolved, however if you need assistance, I understand the Council can provide free informal advice on dog behaviour - phone 8229 9999.

Thank you and kind regards

Your Neighbour

Dear Neighbour,

Address _____

You may not be aware but your dog is barking and is causing a nuisance to me and/or my family. We thought that we should advise you and allow you an opportunity to address the dog's barking without lodging a complaint with Council. Below is some details for when the dog is causing a nuisance.

The dog(s) bark persistently between:

- Midnight – 7am 7am – Midday Midday - 5pm
 5pm – 8pm 8pm – Midnight

The dogs(s) bark when:

- You leave the property When you are home
 Other

The dog(s) bark at:

- People passing the property Neighbours' dogs/cats/children
 Dogs passing the property Postman
 When I am in my yard Nothing
 Other

When the dog(s) barks it usually:

- Runs along the fence at the Front Back Side
 Jumps at the fence at the Front Back Side
 Sits or stands on the spot Front Back Side
 Other

I hope this information will help you monitor the dog(s) behaviour and help relieve the barking.

This letter has been prepared by the City of Holdfast Bay to assist residents with barking dog problems. A Community Safety Officer may be able to provide further assistance and can be contacted on 8229 9999.