



Merri-bek
City Council

DOMESTIC ANIMALS ACT 1994

COUNCIL ORDER – 12 November 2025 Council meeting

Cat confinement

Order of the Merri-bek City Council

1. On 12 November 2025 Merri-bek City Council resolved to make an Order pursuant to Section 25(2) of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* regarding cat confinement.
2. In accordance with this Order, an owner of a cat, that is kept within the municipal district and registered **prior to 1 April 2027**, must ensure that the cat is securely confined to the owner's premises between 7:00pm and 7:00am.
3. In accordance with this Order, an owner of a cat, that is kept within the municipal district and registered **from 1 April 2027**, must ensure that the cat is securely confined to the owner's premises at all times.
4. If a cat is found at large outside the owner's premises or not securely confined to the owner's premises, the owner is guilty of an offence.
5. This Order is effective from 1 April 2027.
6. In this Order, the term 'Owner' has the same meaning as used in the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

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Acting Chief Executive Officer

Dated: 12 November 2025