



# LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL

## Working Dog Registration Exemption - Statutory Declaration Form

OATHS ACT 1900, NSW, EIGHTH SCHEDULE

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### Details of Owner:

Name:

Residential Address:

Daytime Contact Number:

### Dog Details:

Name:  Microchip Number:

Breed:  Main type of Livestock worked:

Sex:  Age:  Colour:

### Dog ownership criteria; (Please Circle the answer)

1. Are you, or are you contracted by, a primary producer? **Yes** **No**

2. Is your main source of income generated from primary production? **Yes** **No**

**If you answered NO to either of these questions, your dog(s) does not qualify as a working dog and it cannot be registered as a working dog with your Local Council.**

### Farm working dog criteria; (Please circle the answer)

1. Does your dog herd, drove, protect, tend or work stock? **Yes** **No**

2. Does your dog work (as per the definition below) on land used mainly for primary production? **Yes** **No**

*Please note: Farm working dog means a dog that herds, droves, protects, tends or works stock on land used solely or primarily for primary production under section 3 of the Domestic Animals Act 1994.*

**If you answered NO to either of these questions, your dog(s) does not qualify as a working dog and it cannot be registered as a working dog with your Local Council.**

### Primary Producer:

Business Name:

ABN:

Property Address:

Name:

Signature:

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**Owner Acknowledgement:**

I do, solemnly and truthfully, declare and affirm that I am the sole owner of the above-described animal adheres to the definition of a working dog, that being:

*'a dog used primarily for the purpose of droving, tending, working or protecting stock, and includes a dog being trained as a working dog'*

I accept that I am required to provide this advice under Section 5 of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*. I further understand that providing false and/or misleading information may mean that legal action may be taken against me.

Signature:

Date:

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**Witness Statement:**

The above statement is made in the presence of an authorised witness, who states:

I,

a,

.....  
*[name of authorised witness]*

.....  
*[qualification of authorised witness]*

certify the following matters concerning the making of this statutory declaration by the person who made it:

*[\* please cross out any text that does not apply]*

1. \* I saw the face of the person OR \*I did not see the face of the person because the person was wearing a face covering, but I am satisfied that the person had a special justification<sup>1</sup> for not removing the covering, and
2. \* I have known the person for at least 12 months OR \*I have confirmed the person's identity using an identification document and the document I relied on was:

.....  
*[describe identification document relied on]*

.....  
*[signature of authorised witness]*

.....  
*[date]*

1 The only "special justification" for not removing a face covering is a legitimate medical reason (at September 2018)

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**Final Approval:** Council Ranger:

Signature:

Date:

Working dog Exempt:    YES        NO

Reason for non-exempt - .....

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## **What is a working dog?**

A working dog is defined in Section 3 of the Act as a dog used primarily for the purpose of droving, tending, working, or protecting stock, and *this also includes a dog being trained as a working dog.*

Farm working dogs are exempt from microchipping and registration requirements; however, these dogs are valuable animals and owners are encouraged to have their dogs microchipped and registered for the dogs' own protection.

## **Does my working dog have to be microchipped and registered?**

When Council determines whether a dog is classified as an exempt working dog, Council may base their decision on where the animal is ordinarily kept, as well as the breed of the dog and what work it is used for.

**If your working dog is ordinarily kept** in the Western Division of NSW that does not fall within a local government area or **on land rated as farmland, it does not have to be microchipped or registered.**

*If you have a working dog but live in an urban area you are still required to microchip, and lifetime register your dog. Your occupation, for example if you are a shearer or stock and station agent, doesn't mean your dog is exempt from microchipping and lifetime registration, but no registration fee can apply.*

*All other working dogs that live in a local government area or land rated as non-farmland, must be microchipped and registered, however, no fee is payable to register a working dog.*

**Working dogs that need to be registered, need a working dog statutory declaration with a Primary Producers confirmation that the dog works on their property.**

**All statutory declarations need to be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace before they can be received by council.**

However, you should consider having your working dog microchipped and registered for its protection. You will not have to pay to register your working dog.

A working dog that has been declared as a nuisance dog, a restricted dog or a declared dangerous or menacing dog, must be microchipped, and registered with your local council.

In addition, any dog, including a working dog, that is taken into the custody of a council pound must be microchipped and registered before being returned to its owner. Where the dog is a working dog, there is no fee payable for registration.

***When receiving or giving companion animal paperwork, please ensure that the animal is microchipped and has been identified prior to taking registration payment.***