



Process for the declaration of a prohibited area for cats by a council under the *Cat Management Act 2009*

Introduction

A council may declare an area of land that is under its authority to be an area where cats are prohibited (a 'prohibited area') (section 19).

The declaration of a prohibited area is useful for proactive protection of key environmental assets, e.g. local government reserves, and other local government assets such as waste disposal facilities.

Declaration of a prohibited area allows an authorised officer, or a person responsible for the prohibited area, to undertake cat management action, including trapping; seizing; detaining; and where appropriate, humanely destroying a cat found in that area (section 18).

Purpose

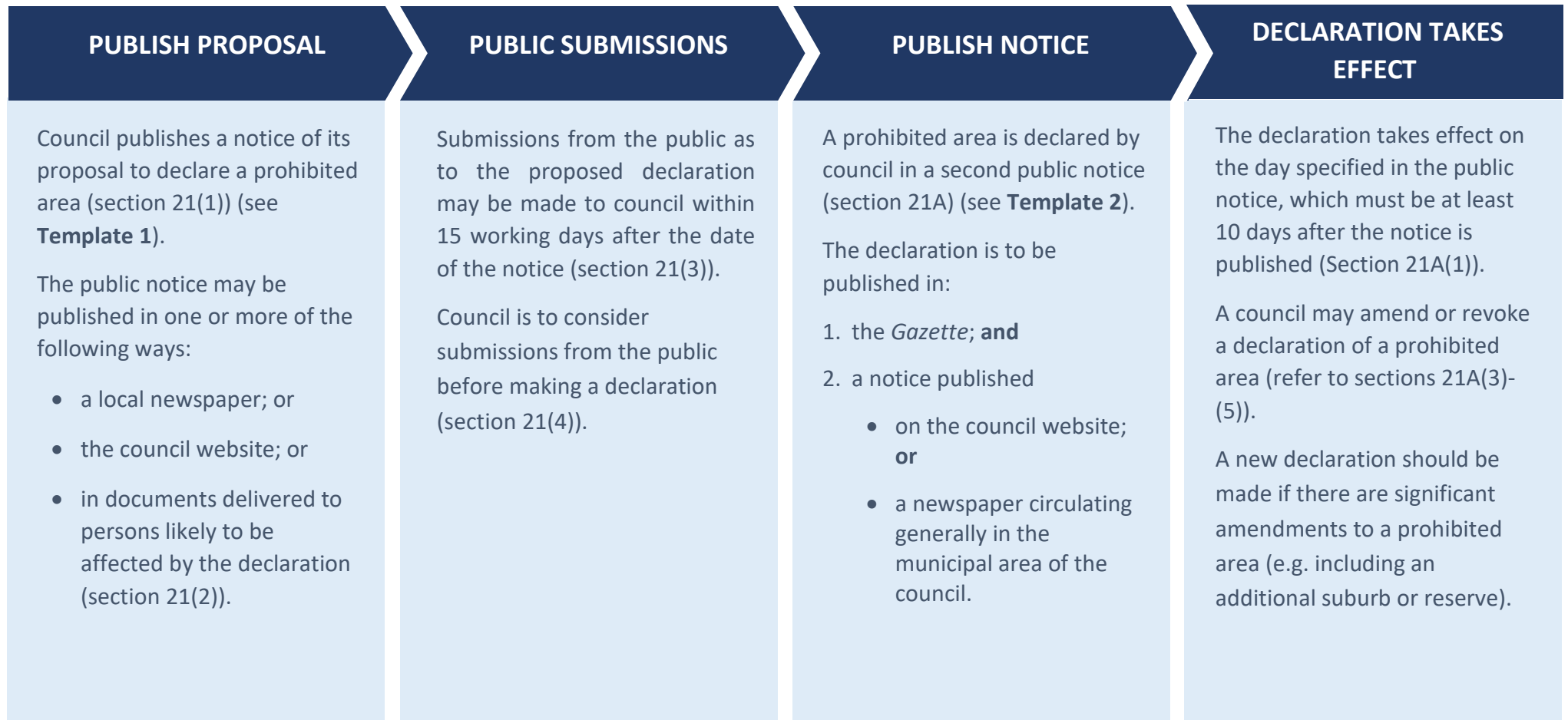
This document is to help guide a council through the process of declaring a prohibited area under the *Cat Management Act 2009*.

The full declaration process is set out on page 2. It is important that all the steps in the process are followed as described.

Templates for the publication of notices are provided on page 3.

Declaration process

Once a council has agreed on a proposal to establish a prohibited area for cats, the declaration process is as follows:



Template 1

Proposal to declare a prohibited area for cats under the <i>Cat Management Act 2009</i>	
Date	[Date]
Purpose	In accordance with section 21 of the <i>Cat Management Act 2009</i> (the Act), Council hereby notifies the public of a proposal to make a declaration under section 19 of the Act, declaring an area of land within the [Local Government Area] municipality to be an area where cats are prohibited (a 'prohibited area').
Area of land proposed for declaration	The area of land that is proposed to be declared a prohibited area is [provide a detailed description, ensuring boundaries are clear] as shown in red boundaries on the attached map.
Proposed activities	[Describe the proposed cat management measures to be taken and by whom]
Reason(s) for proposed declaration	[Outline the reasons for the proposed declaration]
Submission	Submissions from the public as to the proposed declaration may be made to the council within 15 working days after the date of this notice. [Provide contact details for lodging of submissions]. Council will take submissions into consideration before making a declaration.

Template 2

Declaration of a prohibited area for cats under the <i>Cat Management Act 2009</i>	
Date	[Date]
Purpose	In accordance with section 21A of the <i>Cat Management Act 2009</i> (the Act), Council hereby notifies the public of the declaration under section 19 of the Act of an area of land within the [Local Government Area] municipality to be an area where cats are prohibited (a 'prohibited area').
Area to be declared	The area of land that is to be declared a prohibited area is [provide a detailed description, ensuring boundaries are clear] as shown in red boundaries on the attached map.
Cat management action (optional)	[Describe the types of cat management action to be undertaken in the area]
Person/organisation responsible for cat management action (optional)	[Specify the person(s) or organisation that will undertake the cat management action listed above]
Time period	This declaration will take effect on [date] and will remain in force until [date].