



Process for the declaration of a cat management area by a council under the *Cat Management Act 2009*

Introduction

A council may declare an area of land within the municipal area of the council as a 'cat management area' where 'cat management measures' may take place (section 20 (1)).

The declaration of a cat management area may be useful when there is a desire by a council, or the community with the support of council, for certain cat management measures to be undertaken on land of mixed tenure within the municipal area, e.g., an area that includes a mix of public open space, privately owned and commercial properties.

Cat management measures may include cat management action (section 18(1)), including trapping; seizing; detaining; and where appropriate, humanely destroying a cat found in the declared area (section 20(2)).

Purpose

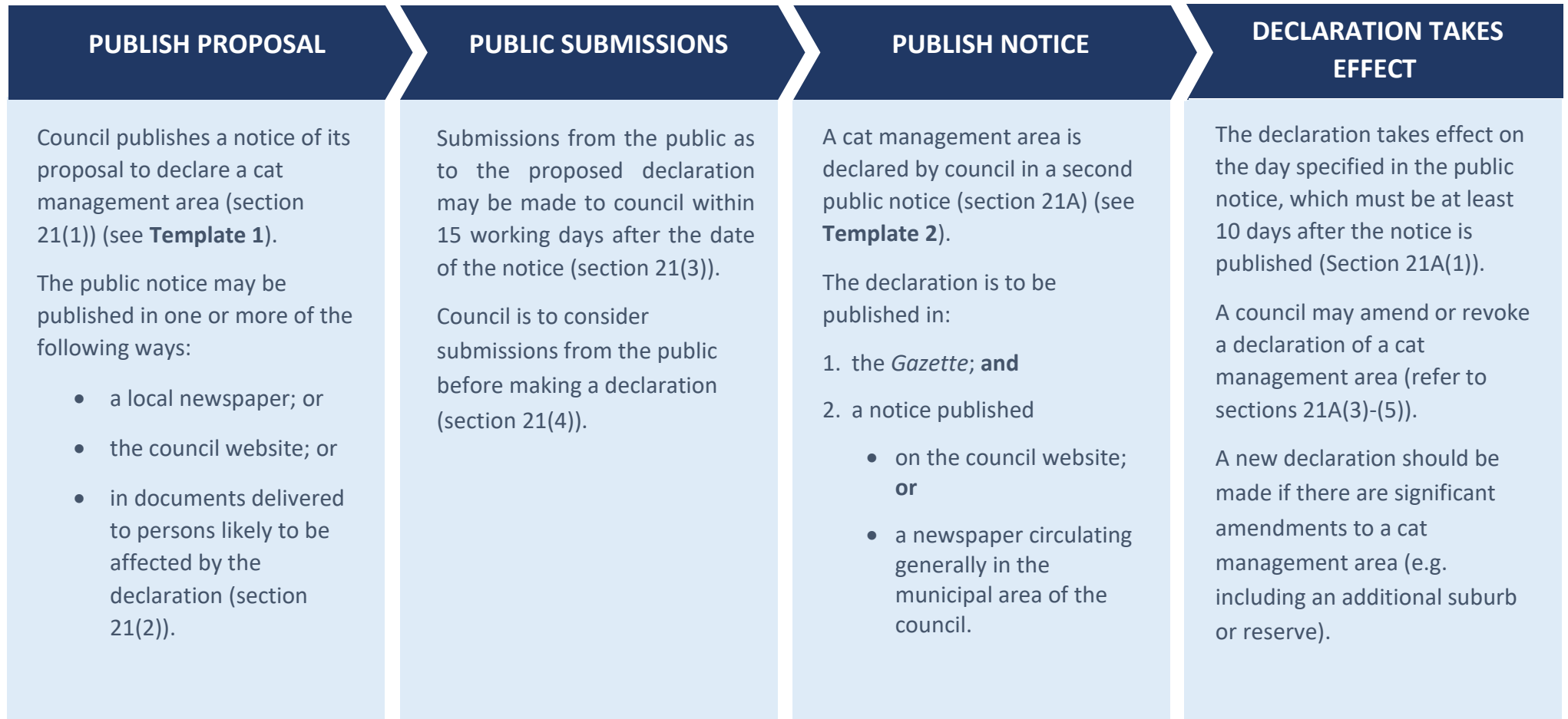
This document is to help guide a council through the process of declaring a cat management area under the *Cat Management Act 2009*.

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 cat management area, the declaration process is as follows:



Template 1

Proposal to declare a cat management area 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 20 of the Act, declaring an area of land within the [Local Government Area] municipality to be a cat management area.
Area of land proposed for declaration	The area of land that is proposed to be declared a cat management 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 cat management area 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 20 of the Act declaring an area of land within the [Local Government Area] municipality to be a cat management area.
Area to be declared	The area of land that is to be declared a cat management area is [provide a detailed description, ensuring boundaries are clear] as shown in red boundaries on the attached map.
Measures	[Describe the types of cat management measures to be undertaken in the area]
Person/organisation undertaking cat management measures	[Specify the person(s) or organisation that will undertake the cat management measures listed above]
Time period	This declaration will take effect on [date] and will remain in force until [date].