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## Objective

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear framework for managing overabundant populations of Little Corellas (*Cacatua sanguinea*) and Long-billed Corellas (*Cacatua tenuirostris*) within the Shire of Dowerin through the engagement of licensed, external contractors.

This policy is designed to:

- Protect public safety, infrastructure, and community assets.
  - Ensure control activities are conducted lawfully and safely.
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## Scope

This policy applies to all land, facilities, and infrastructure owned or managed by the Shire of Dowerin.

It provides a framework for:

- Engaging licensed shooting clubs or contractors to undertake culling activities.
  - Ensuring all activities comply with relevant State legislation, permits, and safety requirements.
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## Policy

The Shire of Dowerin recognises that uncontrolled corella populations can:

- Cause significant damage to parks, ovals, and public infrastructure.
- Create excessive noise, hygiene, and safety issues.
- Impact biodiversity and agricultural productivity.

To manage these risks, the Shire may engage a licensed shooting club or qualified pest management contractor to conduct culling under the following conditions:

### 1. Contractor Responsibility

- All culling operations will be conducted solely by licensed operators holding current authorisations under the Firearms Act 1973 and any permits required under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.
- Contractors are responsible for all operational activities, including planning, implementation, and safety management.
- Only approved firearm types and calibres (as authorised by DBCA and firearms licensing conditions) may be used.
- Contractors must ensure safe backdrops and containment measures are in place for every operation to prevent risk to the public, property, or non-target species.
- Culling must only occur outside of public access hours and is strictly prohibited during school hours or community sporting events.

### 2. Permits and Approvals

- Contractors must obtain all necessary permits and approvals prior to any culling.
- Copies of relevant permits must be provided to the Shire for record-keeping purposes.

### 3. Insurance and Indemnity

- Contractors must hold appropriate public liability insurance and indemnify the Shire of Dowerin against any claims, losses, damages, or injuries arising from culling activities.

#### 4. Community Notification

- Where practical, the Shire will notify the community in advance of approved culling activities to ensure public safety and awareness.
- The Shire will consult with the local Police prior to any scheduled shooting activity to ensure coordination and public safety.

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### Reporting & Review

All culling events must be recorded, including:

- Number of birds removed
- Methods used
- Outcomes and observations
- Licence numbers and compliance confirmations

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### Related Documentation

#### Related Legislation/Local Law/Policy/Procedure

- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (WA)*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018 (WA)*
- *Animal Welfare Act 2002 (WA)*
- *Firearms Act 1973 (WA)*
- *Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 (WA)*
- *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)*
- *Wildlife Conservation Policy Guidelines – DBCA*
- *Shire of Dowerin Work Health and Safety Policy*

#### Related Delegation

Nil

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