You can use this form to: Report a barking or nuisance dog.

Before you begin: It takes about 15 minutes to complete this form and you will need to:

* Read the Dealing with a neighbour barking dog information booklet.
* Declare that you have already advised the neighbour of the nuisance.
* Be able to identify the address of the nuisance. Please contact us for assistance with the correct address.
* Provide Council with your contact details.
* Provide the details about the barking dog(s) including a Barking dog 7-day diary.
* Read and accept the Maroondah City Council Privacy Statement.

After you complete this form, we will send you an email confirming we have received your request. We may contact you about your request, if required.

What happens with your information? We record your information on our customer databases and make it available to relevant Council staff in line with our Privacy Policy.

# **Confirmation of required information**

**1. Please check the boxes below to confirm you have done the following: Please note: these are requirements to make an official dog barking report.**

☐ I have previously advised the dog owner of the barking/nuisance

☐ I can identify and provide the address where the dog resides

☐ I have completed a Barking dog 7 day diary and will attach to this complaint

☐ I have read and understood the Dealing with a neighbours barking dog information booklet

Definition of Nuisance: Section 32 (2)(b) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 provides that; A dog or cat is to be regarded as a nuisance for the purpose of this section;If it creates a noise, by barking or otherwise, which persistently occurs or continues to such a degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any other premises.

**2. I have read and understood the above definition of & nuisance:**

☐ I agree

**3. I acknowledge that if the barking noise I am experiencing is not found to fall within this definition, then it does not actually constitute an offence and therefore there are no legal grounds for Maroondah City Council to pursue the matter.**

☐ I agree

# **Your contact details**

**4. Please complete your contact details**

Full name

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# **Details about barking/nuisance dog(s)**

What you will you need to complete this page: Address of barking/nuisance dog/s 7-day barking dog diary

**5. Approximately how long has the barking or nuisance behaviour been occurring?**

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**6. What type of noise/nuisance behaviour are you reporting?**

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**7. How many dogs are you reporting?**

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**8. Have you seen the dog(s) barking?**

◯ Yes

◯ No

**9. Please provide a description of the dog(s) if known:**

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**10. Address of the barking dog(s):**

Name of owner (if known)

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**11. How is the barking impacting you?**

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**12. What actions have you taken to try to address the barking so far?**

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**13. Have you contacted Council previously about the matter?**

◯ Yes

◯ No

**14. Please provide details of the previous contact:**

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I wish to lodge a concern with the Maroondah City Council in relation to the dog(s) described in the form which is a nuisance to the degree that it unreasonably interferes with my peace, comfort or convenience in my premises.

**15. I am prepared to provide a formal statement and attest to the information provided in this form under oath in a court of law.**

◯ Yes

◯ No

**16. Signature**

**17. I have read and accept Council's Privacy Policy and understand how my information will be used.**

☐ Yes

**18. Please send a copy of this completed form, and your 7-day barking dog diary to** **maroondah@maroodah.vic.gov.au****.**