

Keeping of Bees

Under the local law, Livingstone Shire Council prohibits the keeping of certain animals dependent on the overall size of your property, and requires an approval called a Specified Animal Permit for keeping certain animals in prescribed circumstances.

If you are in a residential area, you are encouraged to apply for a Specified Animal Permit before you purchase or otherwise acquire any livestock for your property.

Hive Registration and Branding

If you keep 1 or more European honey bee hives, you must register as a biosecurity entity with Biosecurity Queensland. Native beehives do not need to be registered.

Requirement for Approval to Keep Animal

Bees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) More than 2 hives on an allotment with an area between 400m² and 1,000 m².b) More than 5 hives on an allotment with an area between 1,001m² and 2,000m² (see Code of Practice for Urban Bee Keeping in Queensland 1998).
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Minimum Standards for Keeping Particular Animals

Bees	<p>Each owner of, and responsible person for, must ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the bees are kept without nuisance; andb) any beehive constructed for the purpose of keeping the bees is not located within a radius of 10m of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) a residence on adjoining premises; orii) a place used for the manufacture, preparation or storage of food intended for human consumption other than a domestic kitchen used solely for domestic purposes by the owner or responsible person for the bees; oriii) a place used for the storage of food (other than food kept in hermetically sealed packages); andc) each beehive constructed for the purpose of keeping bees is adequately identified so that the owner's name, address and telephone number are readily ascertainable; andd) if a code of practice for the keeping of bees has been approved by the local government - the bees are kept in accordance with the requirements of the code of practice
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