

Dear Neighbour,

I am writing to you to request your cooperation in addressing your dog's behaviour. You may not be aware that your dog makes a lot of noise, by way of barking, howling or other noise. This noise persistently occurs, or continues to such a degree or extent that it is unreasonably interfering with my peace and comfort and the convenient use of my property.

Kyogle Council suggests that I contact you in the first instance to raise my concerns and ask you to make some changes to address your dog's behaviour so we can avoid a formal complaint process.

I have outlined my observations about your dog's behaviour below to assist you in addressing this issue.

Time of day	<input type="checkbox"/> Day – <input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Noon <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> Night – <input type="checkbox"/> Early evening <input type="checkbox"/> Late at night
Frequency	<input type="checkbox"/> Once <input type="checkbox"/> A few times <input type="checkbox"/> Continuously
Duration	_____ minutes or _____ hours
Cause	<input type="checkbox"/> People and/or dogs passing your property <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbour or neighbours pets <input type="checkbox"/> When it hears another dog barking <input type="checkbox"/> Postman or other visitors to your property <input type="checkbox"/> When you are absent from home <input type="checkbox"/> During weather events e.g. storms <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing/unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Front yard <input type="checkbox"/> Backyard <input type="checkbox"/> Side fence <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Barking behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/> Sits or stands in one spot <input type="checkbox"/> Runs around <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Attached to this letter is a brochure from the NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which may help identify why your dog is behaving this way and possible solutions to reduce or stop the noise. Alternatively, this information is available directly from the EPA's website: <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/noise/neighbourhood-noise/dealing-with-barking-dogs>.

Please assist by working with your dog to stop excessive noise.

Regards,

Your Neighbour