POULTRY FARMING POLICY

Where the policy applies

This policy applies to all land zoned Green Wedge.

Policy basis

Poultry farming is an important and valuable rural industry in Casey. Casey’s poultry industry includes both broiler farms and egg producers.

As the residential population in Casey’s rural residential areas grows so may the potential for conflict between these areas and poultry farms. Consequently, the industry may find it difficult to establish new farms or expand or upgrade existing farms.

Potential conflict can be minimised by the application of appropriate locational and operational guidelines for the extension of existing and development of new farms.

Policy objectives

- To recognise the significance of poultry farms as an important contributor to the rural economy.
- To protect existing farms from the potential encroachment of incompatible uses.
- To protect the amenity of nearby residential properties from adverse impacts from poultry farms.

Policy

It is policy that:

- Adjacent land is in a non-urban zone.
- The conversion of land to urban uses including rural residential within buffers is discouraged.
- Non-urban uses on land adjacent to these industries is encouraged.

Decision guidelines

In considering applications for use and development, the responsible authority will consider the Victorian Code for Broiler Farms.

Policy references