

# Statutory declaration

*For the purpose of Section 9 of the Companion Animals Regulations Act, 1998*

I, .....  
of .....  
do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that:

“A working dog means a dog used primarily for the purpose of droving, tending, working or protecting stock and includes a dog being trained as a working dog.”

1. I am the person applying for a **working dog** registration status under Section 9 of the Companion Animals Act, 1998.
2. The breed of my animal is a .....  
(breed of animal, ie cattle, kelpie, mareema, etc)
3. My animal works on a ..... property,  
(size/description of farmland)  
working .....  
(type of livestock, ie cattle, horses, goats, sheep (poultry not acceptable))
4. I understand I am only applying for an exemption of registration fee, and the status of a working dog is pending. I am also willing to grant access to a Council Ranger to inspect my animal working the subject stock on the subject farmland. I am also to ensure that access needs to be permissible in Council working hours and at the Rangers convenience, before my working dog registration can be processed.

and I make this solemn declaration, as to the matter (or matters) aforesaid, according to the law in this behalf made, and subject to the punishment by law provided for any wilfully false statement in any such declaration.

Declared at..... on .....  
(place) (date)

.....  
(signature of declarant)

in the presence of an authorised witness, who states:

I, ..... a .....  
(name of authorised witness) (qualification of authorised witness)

certify the following matters concerning the making of this statutory declaration by the person who made it. (\* please cross out any text that does not apply).

1. \*I saw the face of the person OR \*I did not see the face of the person because the person was wearing a face covering, but I am satisfied that the person had a special justification for not removing the covering, and
2. \*I have known the person for at least 12 months OR \*I have confirmed the person’s identity using an identification document and the document I relied on was

.....  
(describe identification document relied on)

.....  
(signature of authorised witness) (date)

## **Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87**

**Working dog** means a dog used primarily for the purpose of droving, tending, working or protecting stock, and includes a dog being trained as a working dog.

## **Companion Animals Regulation 2008**

### 16 Exemptions from registration requirement

The following companion animals are exempt from section 9: (Registration required from age 6 months)

- (m) a working dog that is ordinarily kept on land categorised as farmland for the purposes of Part 3 of Chapter 15 of the Local Government Act 1993.

## **Local Government Act 1993 No 30**

### 515 Categorisation as farmland

- (1) Land is to be categorised as farmland if it is a parcel of rateable land valued as one assessment and its dominant use is for farming (that is, the business or industry of grazing, animal feedlots, dairying, pig-farming, poultry farming, viticulture, orcharding, bee-keeping, horticulture, vegetable growing, the growing of crops of any kind, forestry or aquaculture within the meaning of the Fisheries Management Act 1994, or any combination of those businesses or industries) which:
  - (a) has a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character, and
  - (b) is engaged in for the purpose of profit on a continuous or repetitive basis (whether or not a profit is actually made).
- (2) Land is not to be categorised as farmland if it is rural residential land.
- (3) The regulations may prescribe circumstances in which land is or is not to be categorised as farmland.