



Fishing and Wildlife in Stirling Information Sheet

The City of Stirling is committed to protecting our wetlands and the wildlife that live in them. We ask all residents and visitors to respect these natural spaces and understand the roles of different agencies in maintaining safety, compliance, and animal welfare.

What you need to know:

- Fishing is not permitted in City of Stirling wetlands. Signage is in place and will not be removed.
- Feeding wild birds is prohibited under the City of Stirling *Health Local Law 2009*.
- Littering, fishing, and feeding birds in these areas is detrimental to wildlife and may result in injury or death to species such as waterbirds and turtles.
- These behaviours are infringeable offences under local laws and may result in compliance action.

Please see reverse for further details.

Who Does What?

City of Stirling:

- Responsible for managing local government property, including wetlands.
- Responds to reports of littering, anti-social behaviour, behaviour detrimental to City property caused by fishing and prohibited activities such as bird feeding.
- Contact: (08) 9205 8555 or the 24/7 Community Patrol: 1300 365 356

WA Police:

- Responsible for responding to criminal activity, including trespassing, refusal to comply with lawful directions, or other offences.
- Contact: 131 444

RSPCA WA:

- The authorised agency for investigating and enforcing laws related to animal welfare and cruelty under the *Animal Welfare Act 2002*.
- Contact: 1300 CRUELTY or rspcawa.org.au/report-cruelty

Why This Matters

Recent reports have highlighted deliberate cruelty to wildlife in Stirling wetlands, including swans and ducks injured by fishing hooks. These acts cause significant distress and are being investigated by RSPCA WA and WA Police.

The City is not authorised to investigate animal cruelty but works closely with these agencies to ensure community safety and environmental protection.

