

## GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF AUDIBLE BIRD SCARING DEVICES

1. Audible bird scaring devices (including firearms) may be operated in any part of the Rodney District:
  - (a) between sunrise and sunset
  - (b) at a frequency of not more than six (6) events per hour per device. The term "events" in this context to include clusters of up to three shots from gas-operated devices or three multiple shots from firearms, in rapid succession, subject to (3) below.
2. The sound from any bird scaring device or devices shall not exceed 85 dB unweighted peak level at the boundary or notional boundary of any residential property; and
3. If the sound emitted at the boundary or notional boundary exceeds 70 dB peak level, but does not exceed 85 dB peak level, then no more than 6 such events are permitted in any 60 minute period of the day, and no such events are permitted during the hours of sunset to sunrise.
4. These conditions may be waived at any defined boundary or notional boundary of a particular residential property if the owner of that property agrees and notifies the Council of such agreement in writing.

Notes: 1. Notional Boundary means a line 20 metres from and parallel to any wall of any residential building or any wall of a building used as a residential institution or community facility.

In an urban context, the actual property boundary will normally apply to dwellings but in a rural situation the notional boundary will more often be applicable.

2. Complaints Procedure It is expected and will be encouraged that any person with a complaint about noise will discuss their difficulty with the person responsible for producing the noise in a neighbourly endeavour to solve the problem. This approach may be instead of or in addition to a complaint to the Council.