



Fact Sheet – Noisy Neighbours

About Red Tape Busters

In May 2000 Red Tape Busters commenced and our Director Shane Bowering instantly won praise from people around the country for taking on the bureaucrats. Since that day we have been highly successful in beating the bureaucrats and representing our clients to Councils, Government agencies and as consumer advocates. At Red Tape Busters we also have a proud history of being regarded as specialist grant writers, tender writers, job application writers and we also provide specialised assistance to businesses and non profits via organisational development and support services. We are lucky enough to now have clients all over Australia and even internationally.

Noisy Neighbours

Noisy neighbours whether they be residential neighbours, commercial neighbours or transient visitors can pose problems and challenges to our desired idyllic lifestyle. It is important when you have an issue with a noisy neighbor that you initially approach them in a considerate and courteous manner. Neighbourhood disputes are unsettling and can turn very nasty so avoid them at all costs. Try and think about the best way to approach the neighbour with your concerns and have facts/recordings/diary notes to refer to, however don't try and be the noise police or a nosey neighbor keeping track of the neighbours every move. It is also important to keep your emotions in check and when talking to them make sure you are:-

- Calm;
- Focused on finding a fair resolution to both parties;
- Courteous, well mannered and considerate;

- Careful in how you explain how the issue and identify how the situation is impacting on you;
- Focused on listening and showing empathy for your neighbours issues as well;
- Aiming for a win win situation where you both win and nobody loses;
- Attempting to find the best solution for you both.

Different noise issues are the responsibility of different agencies as follows:-

- Loud music and parties – QPS – can issue noise abatement notice, fines and confiscate property;
- Noisy Dogs – Local Council – Council can issue noise abatement notice and fines;
- Hoons, burnouts and street racing – Police/Transport Department and Council – vehicles can be confiscated, fines issued and traffic calming measures put in place;
- Loud pubs and clubs – Liquor Licensing – fines can be issued;
- Noise from construction, businesses or other residential noise – Council – fines can be issued.

Try however at all times to be a good neighbour who values the rights of others to enjoy their lifestyle so sometimes you might need to just put up with some irregular noise just to be a good neighbor.

Stand up for your rights and don't give up!

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