## Appendix 3: Add an outdoor range area to an existing broiler farm

**Is a planning permit required to add a range area to an existing broiler farm?**

No (if the requirements of Clause 53.09-2 are met).

Under Clause 53.09-2 a planning permit is not required to use land or to construct or carry out works to add an outdoor range area to an existing broiler farm if the following requirements are met:

* There are no more than 150,000 chickens permitted on the land at any time.
* The number of chickens on the land is not increased.

This exemption does not apply to permit requirements under a planning scheme overlay.

If the exemption requirements cannot be met, an application for a permit to add an outdoor range area can still be made (subject to the planning controls applying to the land).

**Does the addition of an outdoor range area supersede the requirements of an existing planning permit?**

No. Any requirement of an existing planning permit, including any requirements of the Broiler Code (where applicable), must continue to be complied with. This includes planning permit conditions or plans endorsed under a planning permit. This may apply to such matters as setback requirements, landscaping and the like.

**Can a farm continue to operate as a conventional broiler farm (with chickens permanently housed in sheds) after the addition of an outdoor range area?**

Yes. The addition of an outdoor range area under the provisions of Clause 53.09-2 of the planning scheme provides a broiler farm the flexibility to operate with the use of the range area or with the chickens permanently housed in the sheds so long as the requirements of an existing permit or existing use rights continue to be complied with.

**The addition of an outdoor range area to existing sheds of a broiler farm is likely to result in a reduced risk of odour impact as:**

* these farms generally operate at a lower placement density
* chickens have access to an extra 100 to 150 per cent of space resulting in reduced manure load on the litter in the sheds
* the litter in the sheds has greater exposure to natural ventilation, aerobic breakdown and drying and there is increased air circulation in the sheds as they are open during daylight hours.