



Dear Community Member,

A member of our community has downloaded this letter to send to you on the basis that they believe **your dog has been doing its business on the footpath or nature strip, and it's not being picked up.**

While I don't get involved in such matters directly, I can say with confidence that better-presented streets and neighbourhoods bring stronger prices when it comes time to sell. As a local real estate agent with over 20 years of experience in Liverpool and South-West Sydney, I've seen firsthand how small issues like this can impact buyer perception and property values across an entire street.

The sender of this letter just wanted to bring the matter to your attention in a way that can build a stronger community, rather than escalate the situation or involve council authorities.

Dog waste left on footpaths and nature strips creates several problems:

- **Health hazard** — dog faeces can contain harmful bacteria and parasites that affect children and other pets
- **Street presentation** — impacts how the entire street looks to residents, visitors, and potential buyers
- **Safety concern** — people stepping in dog waste, especially children walking to school
- **Community standards** — when waste isn't picked up, it affects everyone's enjoyment of the neighbourhood

Most dog owners are conscientious about cleaning up after their pets. The sender believes this may simply be an oversight — perhaps it's happening early in the morning or late at night when visibility isn't great, or maybe someone else is walking your dog and they're not aware of the issue.

What Would Help

- **Bring bags with you** when you walk your dog (even if it's just a quick trip)
- **Pick up immediately** after your dog does its business — every single time
- **If someone else walks your dog**, make sure they understand the importance of cleaning up
- **Check the area** before leaving to ensure nothing has been missed

The sender has chosen to approach this respectfully and privately, rather than making a formal complaint to your local council. They're hoping this letter will be enough to resolve the issue and maintain good relationships in our street.

Our community is a great place to live, and small actions from each of us can make a big difference in keeping it that way.

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Real Estate Agent

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Dear Community Member,

A member of our community sent you a letter approximately two weeks ago regarding **dog waste being left on the footpath or nature strip**. Unfortunately, they've advised that the issue is still occurring, which is why you're receiving this follow-up.

While I don't get involved in such matters directly, I can tell you that this kind of ongoing issue does affect community perception and property values. As a local real estate agent, I've seen buyers walk away from streets where basic standards aren't being maintained — even when individual properties are well-presented.

The sender has been patient and understanding, but they're now at the point where they need to see a change. This letter is a final courtesy before they escalate the matter to your local council.

The sender wants to assume the best:

- Perhaps you didn't receive the first letter
- Maybe someone else is walking your dog and they're not aware of the issue
- It's possible you've been dealing with other priorities

However, the reality is that dog waste is still being left on the footpath. Parents are having to navigate around it with prams and young children. Joggers and walkers are stepping in it. And it's starting to impact how the street looks and feels..

Here's what they're asking:

- Ensure your dog's waste is picked up immediately — every single time
- If someone else is walking your dog, make sure they understand this is non-negotiable
- If there's a reason you're unable to do this yourself, please find a solution

The sender has tried to be patient, respectful, and understanding. They've given you time to address this privately. But if the issue continues after this letter, they will have no choice but to make a formal complaint to council.

Improving your neighbourhood value is the responsibility of all residents, and we would appreciate your help to make our area more enjoyable.

I hope it doesn't come to that. Our community works best when we all take responsibility for our actions and respect our neighbours.

Thank you for taking this seriously.

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