# Hello Neighbour!

I’m writing to you to let you know about an issue that you may be unaware of, particularly regarding your dog. Unfortunately your dog is barking a lot, and the noise is causing an issue for me.

I felt that it would be best to approach you as I believe there might be some ways we can work together to keep the peace not just for you and I, but others in the neighbourhood too (as I’m not sure if you’ve been approached by anyone else).

Below is some information that might assist you, as well as notes on when the barking tends to happen. I understand there are a number of reasons why dogs bark, and this might help narrow it down in case it’s happening when you’re not home. I’ve also sought some advice from the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup Rangers, who have plenty of information that may be of assistance to you in resolving the problem.

# The Bark-o-Meter:

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| **Freqency:** | **Time of Day:** |
| [ ]  Sometimes | [ ]  Regularly | [ ]  Constantly | [ ]  Early morning | [ ]  Day-time | [ ]  Evening / night |
| **Usually over:** | **Location of your house:** |
| [ ]  A few/several minutes | [ ]  A few/several minutes | [ ]  Out the front | [ ]  Side(s) | [ ]  Backyard |
| **Seems to be:** | **Tends to be at:** |
| [ ]  When you’re at home | [ ]  When someone arrives | [ ]  Birds | [ ]  Cats  | [ ]  Dogs  |
| [ ]  When someone leaves | [ ]  When you’re away | [ ]  People | [ ]  Vehicles | [ ]  Unknown |
| [ ]  Other: |  | [ ]  Other: |  |
| **Main actions:** | **Main source:** |
| [ ]  Sitting | [ ]  Standing | [ ]  Running | [ ]  Only your dog | [ ]  All dogs at your house |
| [ ]  Playing | [ ]  Fighting | [ ]  Unknown | [ ]  One of your dogs: |  |
| [ ]  Other: |  | [ ]  Your dog and another neighbours dog (at eachother) |

I completely understand that this might be the first time you've heard about this, and I'm optimistic that with your understanding and cooperation, we can find a peaceful resolution to this matter. Please let me know if I can assist somehow, as I would prefer not to make a formal complaint and hope that this can be resolved without having to take that step.

The Shire website has some information you may find useful, particularly the Local Laws and other resources on exercise areas where dogs are allowed off-leash.

Regards,