**BARKING DOG COMPLAINTS: TEMPLATE STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT**

**Statement of [INSERT NAME]**

I live at [INSERT ADDRESS]

During the past [INSET DETAILS OF ESTIMATED TIMEFRAME] my peace, comfort and convenience at my premises has been unreasonably interfered with by persistent dog barking.

The dog that is responsible for the barking is [INSERT DESCRIPTION OF DOG] and is kept at [INSERT ADDRESS WHERE DOG IS KEPT]. I know that this is the dog responsible for the barking because (DESCRIBE HOW YOU KNOW WHICH DOG IS BARKING).

The barking impacts me because/by [PROVIDE DETAIL OF HOW THE DOG BARKING IMPACTS YOU e.g. wakes you up at night, unable to listen to the tv, causes stress etc.]

I have / have not spoken to the owners of the dog about the barking [INSERT DETAILS OF YOUR INTERACTIONS WITH THE DOG OWNER].

I have / have not written to the owners of the dog about the barking. [INSERT DETAILS OF THE CONTENTS OF YOUR CORRESPONDENCE AND WHETHER YOU RECEIVED A RESPONSE].

I am able to describe\* specific instances of barking below:

* On [INSERT DATE] at approximately [INSERT TIME(S)] I heard [INSERT DESCRIPTION OF BARKING];
* [INCLUDE FURTHER DESCRIPTIONS AS ABOVE WHERE NECESSARY]

Should it be necessary, I am prepared to appear in Court or the South Australian Civil Administrative Tribunal (SACAT) to give evidence as a witness to the truth of this statement.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

\* Note: the descriptions used have the following meanings:

* Isolated bark = a single bark separated from another by approximately 10 seconds.
* Quick succession = within a few seconds.
* High intensity = multiple barks within one second.
* Long duration = a period of barking over 10 minutes.

For example:

* On 1 September 2019 at approximately 12.15am I heard isolated barking over a long duration.
* On 2 September 2019 at approximately 3.45pm I heard occurrences of high intensity barking within quick succession.
* On the weekend of 6/7 September, I heard (and was woken by) high intensity barking that continued for a long duration multiple times between approximately 10pm and 3am.