



PLEASE DO NOT FEED PIGEONS

- **PIGEONS DEFACE BUILDINGS AND OTHER PUBLIC SPACES**

The deterioration of buildings is accelerated by pigeon droppings through corrosion to masonry, mortar and metalwork caused by the acid secretions produced by fungi that feed on the droppings. Pigeon nests and droppings often block gutters and downpipes resulting in water damage, timber decay and unpleasant odours. Pigeon droppings on walkways, stairways and entrances are not only unsightly and unhealthy but also dangerous. Slippery surfaces can cause serious injury.

- **PIGEONS SPREAD DISEASE**

Pigeons can pass on diseases to human such as Salmonellosis, Aspergillosis, Histoplasmosis and Cryptococcus. These bacterial and fungal diseases are transmitted to humans by pigeon droppings and respiratory droplets. Pigeons also harbour the protozoan disease Toxoplasmosis which damages the central nervous system and eyes, particularly those of infants. Fleas and mites are also spread by pigeons.

- **PIGEONS COMPETE WITH NATIVE BIRDS**

Reducing and controlling pigeon flocks is unfortunately hampered by people feeding these birds. By feeding pigeons you are actually making it harder for Australian native birds to reinhabit the inner city. Pigeons are territorial and can aggressively deter galahs, parakeets and other native birds from breeding. Please do not feed pigeons.