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INDIAN MYNAS THREATEN CHILDS HEALTH

A young mother has reported the risks to her child's health caused by Indian Mynas invading her home.

"They continually walk into my home and take food out of my two year olds hand" she reported. "They also leave their droppings all over the carpet," The young mum declared war on the birds after she saw her daughter eat some of their droppings.

Damage to home.

She closed all the doors and rang her local council for help, none was forthcoming. In the meantime the birds were flying furiously around her home, smashing crockery in the kitchen and hurling themselves against the windows in a bid to escape. The mum commented wryly "a couple of magpies were sitting outside the window and I got the impression they were laughing at the Indian Mynas predicament."



After a stack of 'phone calls to various organisations she advised her local council she had called the media to report on the situation. Council finally reacted and sent an officer who caught the now exhausted birds and placed them in a box.

"What are you going to do with them?" she asked. The Council Ranger replied "Let them go in the local park" "No your not ", she responded "they will just come straight back again." (Note: Indian Mynas are territorial and individual birds feed at the same place each

day)

The young mum took the Indian Mynas in the box by bus with her two year old in tow to a vet who euthanized the birds for her.

She then rang Garry Cunich of the "Indian Myna Eradication Program" to report the problems and ask if he could help to activate her council. He advised that a "Council Action Plan" plus an "Environmental Disaster Report" is available on www.indianmynaeradication.com.

Garry has also received reports of one family being swooped by Indian Mynas as they hang out their washing as well as hundreds of others reporting the birds invading homes on a regular basis. He will help where he can. Contact Garry on (02)9872 5822

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