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While it might be fun to feed the wildlife at your local reserve or waterway, it can be very damaging to animals' health. Here's how:

- **Malnutrition.** Bread is like junk food and does not have adequate nutritional value to support healthy growth and development;
- **Poor water quality.** Rotting bread releases nutrients, reduces dissolved oxygen and leads to the growth of algae, which lowers the water quality;
- **Behavioural problems.** Ducks can become dependent on being fed by humans and can forget natural foraging skills. This can lead to aggressive behaviour and overcrowding; and
- **Attract pests.** Leftover bread can attract rats and mice, which can harbour transmittable diseases to humans.

Wildlife should be admired and respected from a distance.

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