

Share Your Feedback on Proposed Building Changes

South Gippsland Shire Council is encouraging residents to share their feedback on the Victorian Building Regulations Sunset Review being conducted by the State Government.

Under the proposed changes swimming pool and spa barriers constructed prior to 1 May 2010 are to be made compliant to current standards by 1 October 2020.

Extensive work may be required for these standards to be met, which depending on the age of the barrier could set owners back between \$1,300 and \$3,600.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning have identified proposed changes to over 150 regulations, affecting different stages of the building process and building permit requirements.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Manager Regulatory Services Matthew Patterson said it was important residents consider the changes proposed within the review.

"The Building Regulations Sunset Review is proposing a number of changes that could affect those wishing to build and make renovations.

"The changes proposed to swimming pool and spa barriers in particular will make changes to residents who aren't necessarily expecting they aren't compliant with building regulations. This could create a lot of work required by residents who have these barriers in place, so it is vital they make a submission to have their say.

"We also get a lot of complaints about the need to get building permits for farm sheds, decks, carports and other minor works. The review is not proposing significant changes to these requirements. This is an opportunity for the community to provide their feedback on Victoria's building permit requirements," said Mr Patterson.

Individuals wanting more information or to make an online submission can do so at www.engage.vic.gov.au/buildingregulationsreview.

Submissions can also be made via email to building.submission@delwp.vic.gov.au or in writing to Building Regulations 2017 RIS, Director, Building, Planning, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Level 7, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002.

Consultation closes on 18 July 2017, submissions will be considered mid to late 2017 with the replacement regulations implemented by June 2018.

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