

Local Law Amendment Open for Comment

Local laws are adopted to protect public health, safety and amenity in a municipality. Any local law passed by Council is designed to ensure that the actions of an individual or group do not have an adverse impact on the rest of the community.

There are a number of areas where the current Local Law is felt to be out of step with community expectations. It is those areas that Council has proposed to amend. They are:

- To provide greater clarity around the keeping of animals in our Shire;
- To introduce a law to support the Cat Curfew and Dog Leash Order;
- To extend the scope of recreation vehicle (motor bikes) local law requirements, to greatly reduce the amenity impacts on surrounding property owners;
- To enhance the protection of Council employees from the effects of antisocial behaviour whilst undertaking their duties;
- To protect Council property from unlawful damage;
- To enable enforcement of Council's Domestic Wastewater Management Plan 2016-2020 to ensure septic systems are maintained to cause no nuisance to the community or protected water catchments; and
- To define who is permitted to camp on private land.

Council's Acting Development Services Director Paul Stampton encouraged people to have their say on the proposed amendments. "We understand that conversations about Local Laws aren't always exciting. But the last thing we want to do is have Council adopt local laws that the community aren't happy with.

"Our Local Laws officers want to work in support of the views of the majority of South Gippslanders. The best way to ensure that we're working with you is to have your say on these proposals," said Mr Stampton.

If you would like to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the Local Law visit: www.oursay.org/southgippsland/locallaw

For more information, please contact Local Laws Coordinator Luke Mullen on 5662 9200.

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