



Potential Axe for Local Law Amendment

South Gippsland Shire Council will decide whether to discontinue the proposed Local Law Amendment at its Council Meeting next week.

A report in the agenda for next week's Meeting recommends that the amendment is abandoned and that Council continue to use the un-amended 2014 Local Law. This is a result of the obvious lack of community support for the proposed amendments.

Since the beginning of consultation in October Council has undertaken:

- Thirteen presentation and question sessions at community meetings,
- One-on-one phone and in person conversations,
- Twenty-two information stations and submission boxes across the region, and
- Reached in excess of 114,000 people via Council's communication channels including social media, local newspapers, community newsletters and formal interviews with other mediums including radio and television.

The consultation period is currently due to conclude on 10 January 2020.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise noted the importance of reviewing the current Local Law amendments out for consultation.

"The Administrators have requested a report for the December Council Meeting following the significant community concern over the proposed Local Law Amendment.

"We have been actively listening to our community and it has been made clear that the majority are concerned that the Local Law Amendment will impact the amenity of their properties and some businesses.

"The Local Law Amendment came from a previous Council decision in relation to the Cat Curfew and Dog Leash Order, and while our intention was to understand community sentiment this has clearly been provided and we will deliberate appropriately on the matter next week," said Ms Eisenbise.

Those wanting to watch a decision made in action on the Local Law Amendment are welcome to attend the Council Meeting on 18 December at 2.00pm in Council Chambers, Michael Place, Leongatha or view the livestream on demand at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

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