



Compliance and Enforcement Policy Adopted

South Gippsland Shire Council adopted its new Compliance and Enforcement Policy at its meeting today.

According to the new Local Government Act the role of Council is to provide good governance in its municipal district for the benefit and wellbeing of the municipal community. Council is also responsible for administering and enforcing a variety of Victoria's laws. Much of this legislation aims to protect and enhance the level of community health, safety and amenity.

Consistent with the objectives of the Act, Council has an adopted Compliance and Enforcement Policy that seeks to set out a transparent manner in which Council will inform its compliance and enforcement decision making. It ensures that compliance and enforcement matters are dealt with fairly, consistently and reasonably.

South Gippsland Shire Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise was pleased to see the Policy come to Council.

"It was a Council Plan initiative for this policy to be reviewed and presented to Council, so it is pleasing to see that work come to fruition.

"We understand that often the compliance and enforcement work that Council is bound to undertake can be unpopular – until you're the person relying on the rules being abided by for your own quality of life.

"The policy provides Council's strategic context for compliance and enforcement. It seeks to provide an equitable, transparent and consistent approach to compliance activities.

"Ultimately what this policy aims to do is find that middle ground where people's rights aren't unnecessarily impinged upon, while ensuring that the majority of South Gippslanders can live peacefully and happily knowing that the rules are there to protect their amenity," said Ms Eisenbise.

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