

## Extension of Consultation for Draft General Local Law

At the October Council Meeting, Council endorsed a draft General Local Law for consideration by the South Gippsland community. The draft document was developed following an initial round of community consultation earlier this year.

Initially, this second round of consultation was to close on Thursday 2 November, but has now been extended to allow more time for the community to review and provide their feedback.

### **The Process so Far**

The first round of consultation saw 261 people provide input regarding the current General Local Law that sunsets in April 2024. Feedback was obtained via a community survey, community meetings, written submissions and pop-up events held across the Shire.

While this initial round of consultation showed that most people did not have any significant concern with the current General Local Law, Council must update its Local Law every 10 years.

After this round of consultation, Council officers drafted the General Local Law 2024 that is now out for engagement with the aim of receiving community feedback on the proposed changes. These changes include removing redundant Laws that are covered by other state-wide legislation, and creating clarity around some of the other clauses. Other Local Laws from neighbouring councils were also reviewed.

### **The Online Resources**

To help answer community questions as they come through, a 'Your Questions Answered' document has been created. There is also a comparison document on Council's engagement platform Your Say South Gippsland.

To provide your feedback before Thursday 9 November please visit:

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

### **Quote attributable to Cr Nathan Hersey, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:**

*"As we have throughout our term, this Council is again committed to listening to the community. The Draft General Local Law is just that, a draft, and I encourage the community to review the documents on the Your Say South Gippsland page and let us know if there is something we need to change. Councillors will be*

*carefully considering the feedback from our community. We have heard from many already about issues such as needing clarification around grass height, animal housing and camping to name a few.*

*“The extension of time will allow our community to have extra time to consider their thoughts and provide any submission regarding this draft. Thank you to those who have already contributed.*

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