

Have your say on the second draft of a General Local Law for South Gippsland

At this week's Council Meeting a second draft of a General Local Law for South Gippsland was endorsed for community feedback. The second draft includes a number of clauses that have been updated as a result of what was heard during the last consultation.

These include:

- Changing an excessive vegetation clause to exclude grass or other crops grown for the production of fodder on land greater than 1 acre. This clause generated significant feedback, and Council recognised the need for it be amended.
- Updating wording around tree removal on or in a municipal place so that it can be pruned/lopped if required. A safety exemption was also added. This clause helps to protect trees and enables Council to respond to vandalism on Council trees, including those on nature strips, in parks, and those damaged or removed to allow people a better view from their property.”
- A change to the dilapidated buildings clause so that the focus is on public safety rather than appearance or character.
- Removal of a clause stating bins should be bought in within 24 hours of collection.
- Updating a clause around roadside trading to make it clear that while permits are required to display goods for sale in a municipal place/road, they are not required for private property. Permits are required on municipal land to ensure appropriate insurances are in place and there are no safety concerns.
- Updated wording around stock crossings to provide clarity. The General Local Law does not require a permit for stock crossings as long as it is undertaken in accordance with the Manual for Traffic Control at a stock crossing. Permits are only required if the manual cannot be complied

with or if you are crossing a highway (in which case a Regional Roads permit is required). A permit is also required if permanent signs are to be installed on a Council road – this is to ensure they meet the relevant signage requirements.

The second draft is now available for review and feedback at yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

The engagement period ends on Monday 15 January 2024.

Quote attributable to Councillor Clare Williams, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:

“Council was pleased to receive 366 submissions on the previous draft of the General Local Law.

This feedback was carefully considered and resulted in a number of changes being made to the draft document.

We are now going back out to our community to see if the updated document is a better balance between the expectations of our community and the needs of Council. I would like to encourage everyone to read the resources provided and to have your say during the engagement period.

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