



YARRA CITY COUNCIL LOCAL LAW REVIEW

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Yarra City Council is reviewing its Local Laws to make them easier to understand and more user-friendly for the wider community.

The proposed new Local Law will be known as the General Local Law, and it will merge the Environment Local Law No.3 and Roads and Council Land Local Law No.2.

Local Laws set legally enforceable standards and guidelines for managing activities and issues in the community. Council is consulting the community on the proposed General Local Law, in particular changes proposed as a result of the merger.

The community is encouraged to attend one of several public information sessions between 12 May and 1 June 2016, to find out more and ask questions.

The community is invited to submit their comments online or by post by **10 June 2016. Turn over to find out how.**

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES

Council is seeking comment on any activity or issue in the proposed General Local Law, but in particular on the following major changes:

- **Asset Protection Permit** – Currently any building works requiring a building permit must not be carried out without an Asset Protection Permit. An additional clause has been added allowing officer discretion regarding obtaining a Permit.

- **Building works** – Noise complaints due to construction work are an ongoing issue for Council. A new clause specifying that a crane must not exceed specified noise limits has been included.
- **Camping** – Currently a provision exists which allows camping in any vehicle, caravan or tent on Council land for no more than eight consecutive hours during any seven-day period, which is difficult to enforce. This timeframe has been removed and no camping is allowed.
- **Commercial Delivery Times** – A new clause to address community complaints around commercial delivery noise has been included. It states a person must not, without a permit, deliver or collect goods or provide a service to a commercial enterprise or allow a refrigeration unit mounted on a vehicle to run outside designated times.
- **Disturbing Noise in Council's Parks and Gardens** – Currently, Local Law 3 specifies that sound-producing devices may not be heard outside the boundaries of a particular park. This clause has been changed to "may not be heard within a habitable room of a dwelling". In addition, a clause relating to the use of a device powered by anything more potent than five or more D cell batteries has been removed.
- **Dog waste and litter devices** – More detailed provisions have been included that deal with the clean-up of dog waste.
- **Household waste bins** – One of the biggest areas of complaint is litter and the management of bins left for collection. More detailed provisions regarding procedures around this have been added.
- **Overhanging trees** – The height restriction for overhanging and encroaching vegetation limits has been reduced from 2.7 metres to 2.4 metres.
- **Significant Trees** – The definition of a Significant Tree has changed to incorporate measurements at ground level, which will enable identification in cases where a tree has been completely removed. In addition, it is proposed to remove the exemption for neighbours to prune any overhanging branches of a Significant Tree to the fence line, without a permit.



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Council is seeking your feedback on the proposed General Local Law and encourages the community to attend a facilitated public information session to ask questions and find out more before submitting feedback.

There are a number of ways you can have your say throughout Council's consultation period, which will run between **Monday 9 May** and **Friday 10 June 2016**.

Community information sessions

During the consultation period, Council will conduct three facilitated public information sessions where community members can come along, ask questions and find out more about the proposed General Local Law and what it means. No RSVP is necessary.

Public Information Session 1 Thursday, 12 May 2016

Richmond Town Hall,
Meeting Room 1, from 6pm–7:30pm

Public Information Session 2 Wednesday, 18 May 2016

Richmond Town Hall,
Meeting Room 3, from 6pm–7:30pm

Public Information Session 3 Wednesday, 1 June 2016

Fitzroy Town Hall,
Reading Room, from 6pm–7.30pm

How to have your say

Online – View the proposed General Local Law and additional information and provide your feedback online by Friday 10 June at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/LLR

Post – Hard copies of the survey and reply paid envelopes and additional information will be available at Council's town halls, libraries or mailed on request. Hard copy submissions must be received by Olivia Bennett, Yarra City Council, PO Box 168, Richmond VIC 3121 by Friday 10 June.

**For more information, contact
Olivia Bennett, Senior Prosecution
Administrator on 9205 5555 or
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LOCAL LAWS AT A GLANCE

All Councils in Victoria have a form of local regulation called Local Laws. Council can make Local Laws in response to particular issues in its local government area to ensure peace, order and good government.

The *Local Government Act 1989* regulates how a Council amends or makes a Local Law. This Act applies a number of restrictions and limitations on Local Laws including: not making unusual use of power and ensuring no inconsistencies with any Planning Scheme or other regulations or Acts.

The streamlining of language and the removal of duplications and anomalies make up the majority of changes between Yarra City Council's proposed General Local Law and the existing Local Law 2 and 3.

All other existing Local Laws which include the consumption of liquor and meeting procedures will remain the same.

WHERE TO NEXT?

The closing date for submissions on the proposed General Local Law is **Friday 10 June 2016**.

Following the consultation period, all submissions received will be considered and analysed and, if appropriate, incorporated into a final draft. The final General Local Law document will be presented to Council and community members will be able to come to this meeting, share their views and participate in discussion.

Once adopted and following gazettal, the current Local Law 2 and Local Law 3, including any amendments will cease to be operational and the new General Local Law will take effect.

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