

Survey: Draft Community Amenity Local Law 2026

The Local Law is up for review!

Latrobe City Council is doing a review of the Community Amenity Local Law, and you are invited to have your say.

What is the Community Amenity Local Law?

The Community Amenity Local Law guides Council's compliance and enforcement activities for a wide range of topics, including property amenity, keeping of animals, open air burning, waste and recycling, some business activities and use of Council land and roads.

Why is it under review?

By undertaking a review of the Community Amenity Local Law Council can ensure it is meeting current community expectations while also protecting our community's health and safety and our assets and facilities.

We have developed a draft Community Amenity Local Law and Council has resolved to release this for consultation.

We would like your feedback on the draft Community Amenity Local Law. Your feedback will help us consider emerging issues and ensure the local law is relevant.

How you can get involved.

Have your say on the draft Community Amenity Local Law by midnight, **Monday 22 June 2026**. We encourage you to provide your feedback to help us understand what's important to you.

Once completed, please mail to:

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Introduction

Before starting the survey, we encourage you to read the **draft Community Amenity Local Law 2026**.

This survey has 9 sections. You can answer all questions or skip to the sections that matter most to you:

- Your animals
- Your property
- Council land and roads
- Vehicles on Council land and Roads
- Waste
- Fire safety
- Businesses and trading
- Smoking and alcohol
- Administration and enforcement

Your animals

(clauses 9 to 13)

These clauses regulate the keeping of animals, including permitted types and numbers, and measures to minimise nuisance and prevent escape.

Changes that we have made include

Exemptions for:

- Dogs and cats under 12 weeks of age
- Land regulated under the Planning scheme and farmland
- Assistance dog or animal.

Provided clarity around animal types and numbers that can be kept.

- Moved away from Planning zone determination for keeping of animals to a staggered land size table.
- Exemption for farmland where applicable.

New clause to:

- Minimise nuisance associated with animal housing or the way the animals are kept.
- Ensure adequate fencing to prevent animals escaping.
- Provide clarity around farmland and storing fodder.

01. To what extent do you support these proposed changes?

Select one answer only

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral / don't know
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

02. Do you have any thoughts on Your Animals?

Your property

(clauses 14 to 23)

These clauses address neighbourhood amenity, including managing unsightly or dangerous land, camping on private land, and the storage of vehicles and equipment.

Changes that we have made include

Strengthened and expanded existing provisions to address unsightly properties to include machinery and vehicle parts, waste, incomplete buildings, excessive vegetation, grass or weeds in residential areas over 30cm (exemption for fodder being grown).

Included specific examples of what could constitute dangerous land (eg. vermin, noxious weeds, hazardous materials, electric fences etc).

Overhanging vegetation clause expanded to include all types of obstructions coming from private land.

Camping on private land for up to 28 days without a permit:

- Redefined camping,
- Requirement for appropriate sanitary facilities and
- No detrimental impact on amenity of adjoining land.

Clearly defined maximum vehicle length and weight; and included provision for a registered caravan, boat, trailer to be kept on private residential land.

03. To what extent do you support these proposed changes?

Select one answer only

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral/don't know
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

04. Do you have any thoughts on Your Property?

Council land and roads

(clauses 24 to 34)

These clauses govern behaviour, use, and protection of Council land and roads, including preventing damage, managing obstructions, maintaining public spaces, and ensuring compliance with Council signage.

Changes that we have made include

A series of changes regulating behaviour and use of a municipal place, defacing or damaging a municipal place, damaging trees or vegetation in a municipal place and obstructions in a municipal place.

Incorporate Maintenance of Nature Strips and Roadside Verges Policy under the Local Law.

Expanded definition of camping and provided clarity that clause is not intended to impact individuals experiencing homelessness. Includes reference to a new Latrobe Homelessness Protocol (currently in draft).

New clause requiring a person to comply with a Council sign.

05. To what extent do you support these proposed changes?

Select one answer only

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral/don't know
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

06. Do you have any thoughts on Council Land and Roads?

Vehicles on Council land and roads

(clauses 35 to 43)

These clauses regulate the use and storage of vehicles Council land and roads, including permits, restrictions on long-term parking, and safety measures for public areas.

Changes that we have made include

Introduced ability to seek a permit for display or repair of vehicles on Council land.

Provided clarity on the types of vehicles not to be stored on Council land for a period of 28 days or more over 3 consecutive months, without a permit (eg. boat, caravan, trailer).

New clause to address heavy vehicles on Council roads, enabling Council to designate prohibited or restricted places.

New clause to address the use of recreational vehicles in a public place.

New clause to address safety concerns associated with attendance and spectating at hoon events
(to fill a legislative gap – VicPol to be authorised).

07. To what extent do you support these proposed changes?

Select one answer only

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral/don't know
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

08. Do you have any thoughts on Vehicles on Council Land and Roads?

Waste

(clauses 44 to 47)

These clauses manage waste disposal and collection, including proper use of bins, contamination prevention, hard waste handling, and maintaining cleanliness and public amenity.

Changes that we have made include

Introduced requirement for waste to be deposited only in the approved bin to prevent contamination.

Reference to 'designated material' rather than a list of items that cannot be placed in an approved bin (easier to keep updated outside of Local Law).

Bins must be kept in clean / inoffensive condition.

Defined hard waste and strengthen provisions including placement of hard waste on the nature strip.

Removed provision prohibiting removal of hard waste from nature strip.

Household and trade waste not to be placed in street litter bins.

09. To what extent do you support these proposed changes?

Select one answer only

Strongly support

Support

Neutral/don't know

Oppose

Strongly oppose

10. Do you have any thoughts on Waste?

Fire safety

(clauses 48 to 53)

These clauses regulate the lighting and management of fires on private land, including permitted materials, safety requirements, and obligations to minimise risks and emissions.

Changes that we have made include

Redrafted to provide clarity on the types of material that can and cannot be burnt on private land.

Introduced additional safety and amenity obligations for people burning material on private land including but not limited to buffer zones, pile size, supervising and extinguishing fires.

All fires must be for genuine hazard reduction. Introduced provision for primary producers and provided exemption for cultural or religious events and observances.

Introduced requirements for notification of all burns to be registered online at Burn-off and water-off notifications / triple zero.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 668 511.

11. To what extent do you support these proposed changes?

Select one answer only

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral/don't know
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

12. Do you have any thoughts on Fire Safety?

Businesses and trading

(clauses 54 to 62)

These clauses regulate business activities and trading in the municipality, including requirements for permits, management of shopping trolleys, and operation of events and commercial activities.

Changes that we have made include

Formalise Footpath Trading Guidelines and include as an incorporated document (i.e. formalisation of the guidelines is being conducted adjacent to the Local Law Review project).

Shopping trolleys:

- Require trolleys to be marked with trader details.
- Introduced retailer onus.
- Require trolley locking mechanism (where retailer has more than 25 trolleys).

New clause requiring a permit for commercial filming.

Expand circuses and carnivals clause to include community markets, festivals and events. Referenced Guidelines for Events Permits.

13. To what extent do you support these proposed changes?

Select one answer only

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral/don't know
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

14. Do you have any thoughts on Businesses and Trading?

Smoking and alcohol

(clauses 63 to 64)

These clauses regulate smoking and alcohol-related behaviour in public places.

Changes that we have made include

Included Authorised Officer direction to extinguish and dispose of tobacco product.

Updated definition of tobacco product.

Includes vaping device and vaping substances.

Introduced times when a person cannot consume liquor. 'Sunset to sunrise' is ambiguous and evidentially difficult.

- 7.00pm and 7.00am Eastern Standard Time; or
- 8.00pm and 8.00am Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

15. To what extent do you support these proposed changes?

Select one answer only

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral/don't know
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

16. Do you have any thoughts on Smoking and Alcohol?

Administration and enforcement

(clauses 65 to 77)

These clauses outline how the Local Law is administered and enforced, including permits, offences, penalties, appeals, and the powers of authorised officers.

Changes that we have made include

Clarity on impounding and disposal of items.

Permit clauses redrafted, combined and streamlined to provide improved guidance as to how permits may be applied for, granted, refused, amended or cancelled. Includes provision for exemptions. Individual permit conditions will sit outside the Local Law.

Introduced ability for Authorised Officer to provide verbal direction.

Introduced provision for appeals and exemptions.

More clearly articulate what constitutes an offence and applicable penalty units.

New clause to address offences by corporations.

New clause to address operator onus offence in relation to motor vehicles.

17. To what extent do you support these proposed changes?

Select one answer only

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neutral/don't know
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

18. Do you have any thoughts on Administration and Enforcement?

Other thoughts

19. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this project?

About you

20. I am...

Select one answer only
<input type="radio"/> A man
<input type="radio"/> A woman
<input type="radio"/> Non-binary
<input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer
<input type="radio"/> I use a different term (please specify)
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 25px;"></div>

21. Age:

Select one answer only
<input type="radio"/> Under 18
<input type="radio"/> 18 to 24
<input type="radio"/> 25 to 34
<input type="radio"/> 35 to 54
<input type="radio"/> 55 to 74
<input type="radio"/> 75 and over
<input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer

22.1 identify as:

Select all that apply
<input type="checkbox"/> An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Someone who needs daily assistance with core activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Someone who speaks a language other than English at home (please specify) <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above

23. Where do you live?

Select one answer only
<input type="radio"/> Balook
<input type="radio"/> Boola
<input type="radio"/> Boolarra / Boolarra South
<input type="radio"/> Budgeriee
<input type="radio"/> Callignee
<input type="radio"/> Churchill
<input type="radio"/> Cowwarr
<input type="radio"/> Darlimurla
<input type="radio"/> Delburn
<input type="radio"/> Driffeld
<input type="radio"/> Flynn
<input type="radio"/> Flynn's Creek
<input type="radio"/> Glengarry / Glengarry North / Glengarry West
<input type="radio"/> Grand Ridge
<input type="radio"/> Hazelwood / Hazelwood North / Hazelwood South
<input type="radio"/> Hernes Oak
<input type="radio"/> Jeeralong / Jeeralong Junction
<input type="radio"/> Jumbuk

<input type="radio"/> Koornalla
<input type="radio"/> Loy Yang
<input type="radio"/> Maryvale
<input type="radio"/> Mid Valley
<input type="radio"/> Mirboo
<input type="radio"/> Moe / Moe South
<input type="radio"/> Moondarra
<input type="radio"/> Morwell
<input type="radio"/> Mount Tassie
<input type="radio"/> Narracan
<input type="radio"/> Newborough
<input type="radio"/> Tanjil South
<input type="radio"/> Toongabbie
<input type="radio"/> Traralgon / Traralgon East / Traralgon South
<input type="radio"/> Tyers
<input type="radio"/> Yallourn / Yallourn North
<input type="radio"/> Yinnar / Yinnar South
<input type="radio"/> Other (please specify)
<input type="text"/>

24. Would you like us to keep you updated?

Would you like us to keep you updated about this project?
<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please provide your name, email and phone number)
<input type="text"/>

Thanks for completing the survey.
 See the top of the survey for instructions for submitting your survey to the Safer Communities Team.