Engagement Summary – Our Local Laws



Question	Your content
What were we engaging on?	We are required to review our by-laws every 7 years to ensure they meet the current needs of our community. Prior to drafting our by-laws, we sought feedback from our community on key issues.
	Using the feedback received, we prepared draft by-laws and consulted on the draft by-laws between 8 April and 21 June 2022.
What did we do?	Have Your Say PAE page with simple survey (10 responses)
What did we hear?	Have we got the right balance in the proposed by-laws? Yes – 3 No – 4 Don't know - 3
	A summary of feedback comments:
	"I feel that the introduction of a by-law prohibiting keeping roosters is excessive"
	"It's great to see that council has recognised the need for a by- law concerning urban beekeeping."
	"I would add a clause to this by-law regarding feral or "wild" European honeybee colonies."
	 "I suggest adding a clause to the by-law as follows: A person must not knowingly allow a feral colony of European Honey Bees (Apis mellifera) to establish and persist on their property."
	"I suggest creating another similar by-law regarding European wasps. The by-law could be worded as follows: A person must not knowingly allow a European Wasp (Vespula germanica) nest to persist on their property."
	"Cats should be included in the animal management - only 2 dogs per household but an unlimited number of cats?"
	"Looks reasonable"
	"Powers of the council against citizens over-extended, extension of criminal responsibility doesn't address key issues at the correct level. Council practices already lacking - arbitrary enforcement against citizens who appear to be singled out"

	 "The info graphic made it really hard to read the proposed by laws. It hardly works on a mobile device and then the by laws themselves (when you eventually get to them) are not in plain, easy to understand English." "I can no longer tell when I am allowed to have my dog off leash and under effective control on the beach, it actually now reads as though there is no longer any time that this is allowed."
	"They seem complicated"
	 "I think the length of a lead on council reserves for dogs should be re visited"
	 "I think 12pm the day before bin collection would be more appropriate as people often do their gardening and then put the green bin straight out"
	 "It's great to see you have drafted a by-law regarding urban beekeeping."
	 "There seems to be some ambiguity in the newly created by- law. Section 8.1 says that permission is required for keeping more than two bee hives on a premises. Section 8.2 says that permission is required for keeping more than one bee hive on a premises."
What are the next steps?	Council considers feedback at Council meeting, and endorses final by-laws – August 2022
	By-Laws come into operation – December 2022