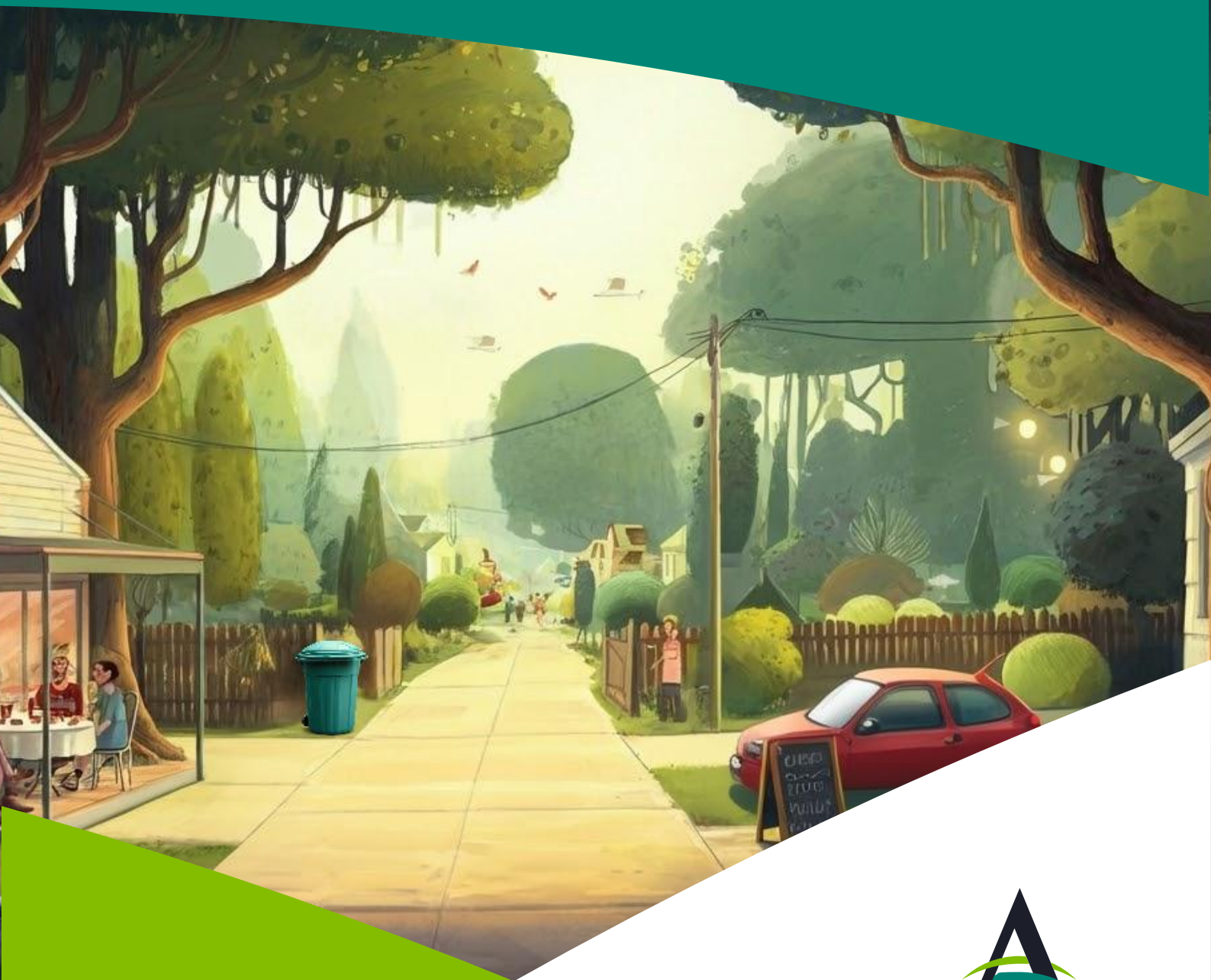


Hills Local Laws – Phase 2

Community Engagement Outcomes Report

September 2025



Adelaide Hills
COUNCIL

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1. Introduction

By-laws are local laws created by Council to manage issues specific to areas under our care and control – from pets to waste, trees and signage.

Some By-laws are in place to protect the comfort and safety of our community while others seek to prevent damage to local government land.

We review our By-laws every 7 years to ensure they meet the current needs of our community and to meet our obligations under the Local Government Act 1999. There are some things we cannot create By-laws for, for example, things that are the responsibility of State or Federal Government.

During July 2025, we asked for our communities' feedback on proposed changes/revisions to our existing six By-laws as well as a proposed additional By-law for Livestock and Bee Management. Following community engagement feedback received, we made further amendments to our proposed By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management.

We invited feedback from the public on the proposed amendments to By-law No. 4 Roads and By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management, between Wednesday 3 and Tuesday 23 September 2025. This report presents feedback received during the engagement period and will be presented to Council and made available to those who participated in the consultation on Council's Engagement Platform.

A total of 54 participants provided feedback on the proposed changes to the two By-laws. 53 respondents provided their feedback via the online or hardcopy survey. One person provided their feedback via email and one person completed the online survey twice.

2. Summary of Engagement

Engagement approach

The purpose of the engagement was to assist us to understand our community's level of support for the proposed amendments to By-laws No. 4 Roads and new By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management, prior to finalise these two By-laws.

Pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1999, public consultation must be undertaken in line with Council's Public Consultation Policy when passing new By-laws. A community engagement plan was developed, and consultation was undertaken with the community over 21 days from Wednesday 3 September to Tuesday 23 September 2025.

Our engagement approach aimed to provide detail on the role of By-laws and an explanation of the proposed amendments to the two By-laws that had been made following earlier community engagement findings.

Questions were asked to determine participants level of support for the proposed amendments for both By-laws, along with any additional feedback or comments. A feedback form was developed and provided online and in hardcopy format. It contained both closed and open style questions.

Feedback could be provided via any of the following options:

- Online submission form on Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub page
- Email to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Mail to Community Engagement Coordinator, 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Phone 8408 0400
- Hardcopy feedback forms available from any AHC Library or Customer Service Centres

Distribution and promotion

The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted through a number of channels including:

- Courier Advertisement on 3 September 2025
- Adelaide Hills Council Website and Engagement Hub Page
- Email newsletter to engagement subscribers with relevant categories of interest and previous engagement contributors and followers
- Email to Elected Members to share
- Social media
- Inclusion in Hills Voice e-newsletter
- Posters, hardcopy information and feedback forms available at Customer Service Centres and Libraries at Gumeracha, Stirling, Woodside and The Summit.

Email and social media promotion statistics are presented below:

Table 1 Promotional statistics

Media	Number of posts / emails / Newsletter	Reach	Engagement (reaction, comment, share or opening link)
Adelaide Hills Council Facebook	1	2,856 views, 21 interactions	20 link clicks
Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub email	2	2,484	Opens - 1,144, clicks - 153
Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub page	-	706 views, 549 visitors	53 engagement contributors, 27 followers

A copy of information provided on Council's Engagement Platform and feedback form is available in Appendix A.

All verbatim online feedback responses are provided in Appendix B.

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All e-newsletters, advertisements and social media posts are provided in Appendix C.

3. Participants

This section provides details about participation during the engagement period and demographic information about respondents.

Participation source

The following table displays how participants provided feedback.

Table 2 Participation Source

Activity	Number Participating
Online submissions	52 (1 person completed twice)
Hardcopy submissions	2
Written response – email, letter	1
Total Consultation Participation	54

Participation characteristics

Respondents suburb

Table 3 Participant Suburbs

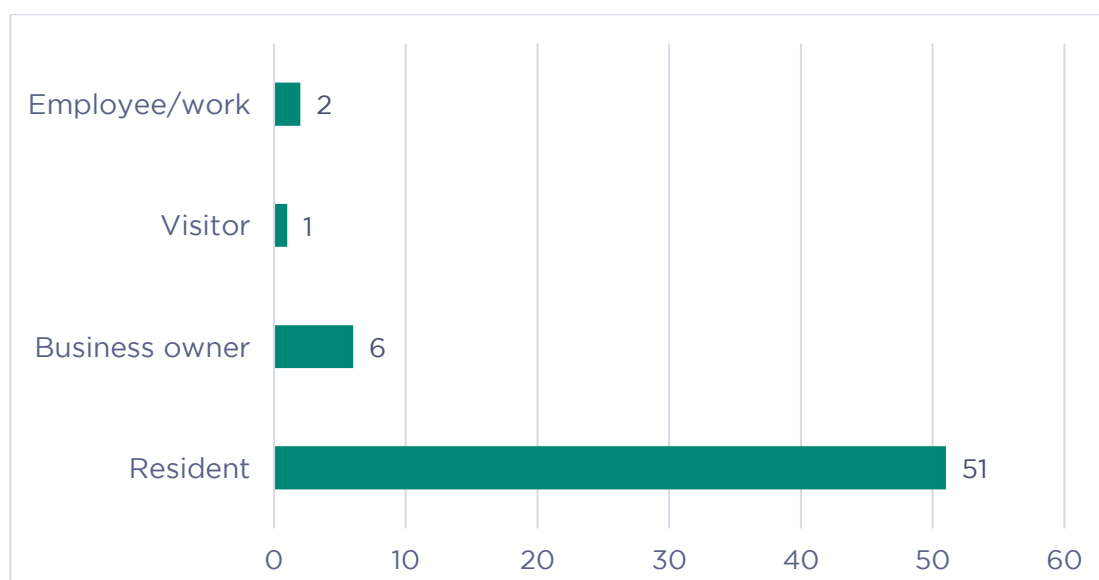
Suburb / Township	No. of Respondents	% of Participants
Lobethal	9	16.7%
Aldgate	7	13%
Crafers	5	9.3%
Bridgewater	4	7.4%
Oakbank	3	5.6%
Woodside	3	5.6%
Balhannah	2	3.7%
Birdwood	2	3.7%

Gumeracha	2	3.7%
Other AHC suburbs: Ashton, Carey Gully, Crafers West, Heathfield, Houghton, Inglewood, Ironbank, Kenton Valley, Kersbrook, Mount George, Mount Torrens, Stirling, Teringie, Uraidla, Woodforde	15 (1 each)	27.8%
I live outside AHC	2	3.7%
Total	No.	100%

Respondents' connection to Adelaide Hills Council area

Data was collected from survey respondents on their connection to Adelaide Hills Council area. This data showed that the majority (49) of respondents were residents of Adelaide Hills Council, however 2 of these respondents also selected that they live outside of Adelaide Hills Council area. Respondents were able to select more than one answer.

Chart/graph 1: Respondents' connection to the Adelaide Hills Council area

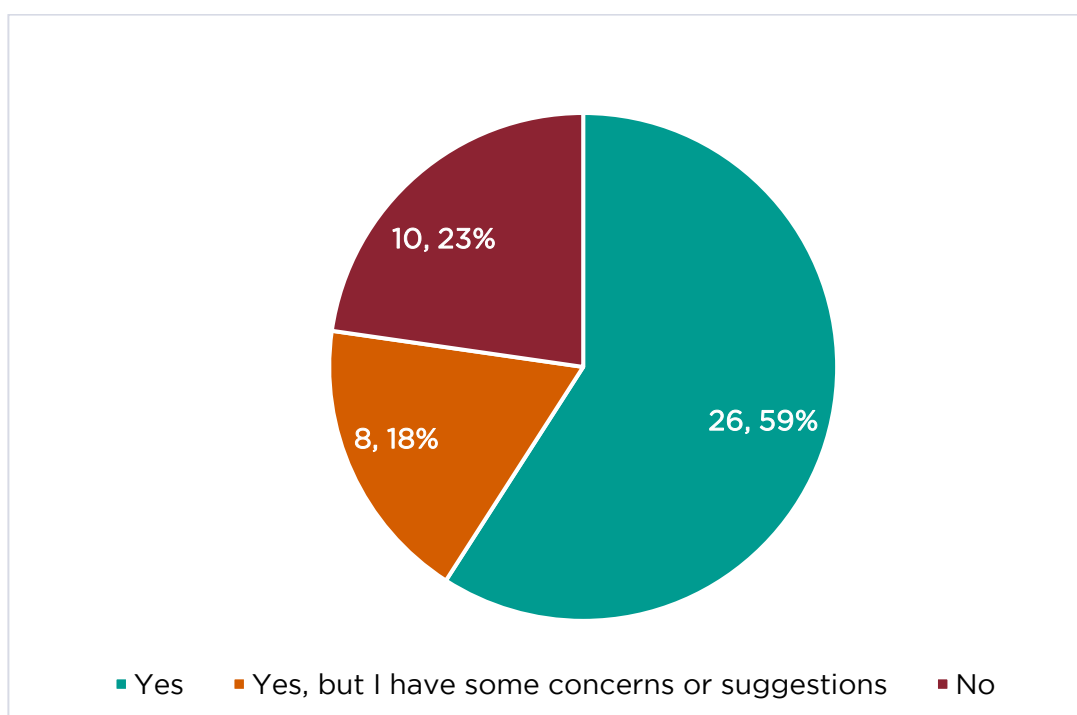


4. Online and Hardcopy Feedback

Level of support for amended timeframe for waste bin placement on the kerbside included in draft By-law No. 4 Roads

44 respondents selected to provide feedback on amendments to By-law No. 4 Roads. When asked if they supported the amendments to the timeframe for waste bin placement on the kerbside included in draft By-law No. 4 Roads, majority of respondents (77%) selected “Yes” (59% / n=26) or “Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions” (18% / n=8), with 23% (n=10) selecting “No”.

Chart/graph 1: Respondents’ level of support for amendments to By-law No. 4 Roads



Respondents feedback and comments

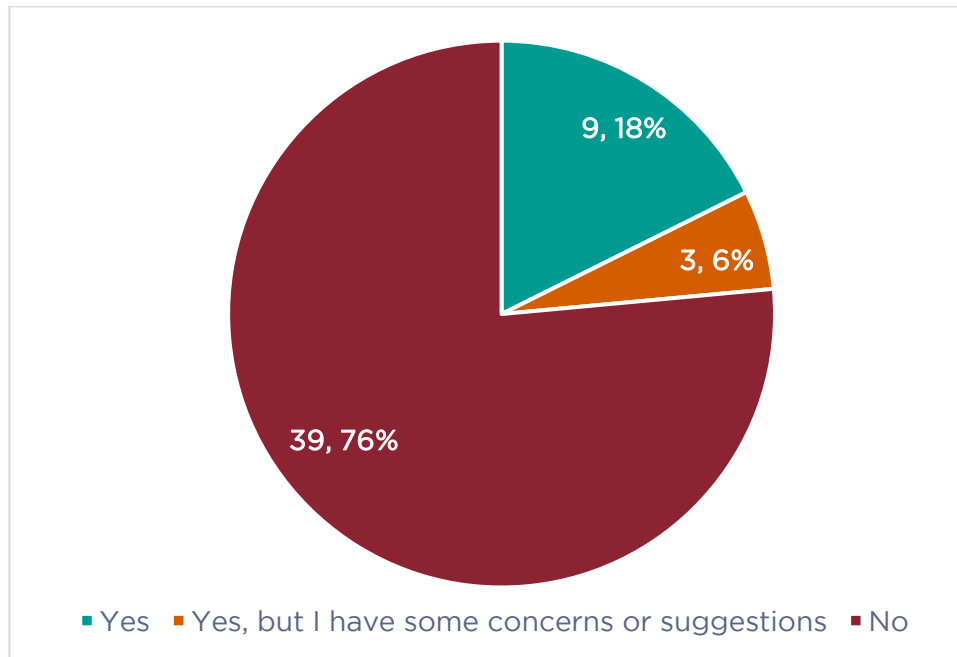
Respondents were asked to if they had “Any further feedback about the proposed amendments to By-law No. 4 Roads”. 14 respondents chose to provide comments, and the themes of these comments can be seen in the table below. Verbatim responses can be viewed in Appendix B.

Theme/s - “Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions”	No. of Respondents
Bin placement / storage question or comment	3
Questions about why By-law is needed	2
Need for enforcement of By-law	1
Concerns about extenuating circumstances they might prevent someone from meeting the timeframe	1
Understanding around accessibility needs (clear accessways)	1
Comments about specific wording within areas of amended By-law	1
Theme/s - “No”	No. of Respondents
Concerns about people needing support to take bins in and out	3
Concerns about extenuating circumstances they might prevent someone from meeting the timeframe	2
Comments that timeframe too restrictive	2
General waste collection complaint	1
Comment that timeframe is too long	1
Enforcement question or concern about	1
Bin placement / storage question or concern	1
Comment about over governance	1

Level of support for the amended draft By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management

51 respondents selected to provide feedback on amendments to By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management. When asked if they supported the amendments to the proposed new By-law, majority of respondents (76% / n=39) selected “No”, 18% (n=9) selected “Yes” and 6% (n=3) selected “Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions”.

Chart/graph 2: Respondents' level of support for amendments to By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management



Respondents feedback and comments

Respondents were asked to if they had “Any further feedback about the proposed amendments to By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management”. 38 respondents chose to provide comments, and the themes of these comments can be seen in the table below. Verbatim responses can be viewed in Appendix B.

Theme/s - “Yes”	No. of Respondents
Question about process to obtain permit	1
Theme/s - “Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions”	No. of Respondents
Enjoy roosters / roosters no nuisance / don’t support inclusion of roosters within the By-law	2
Shouldn’t need a permit for 1 rooster, only multiple	1
Support inclusion of pigeons within By-law	1
Concern about residents feeding pigeons	1

Theme/s - “No”	No. of Respondents
Comments about country living vs suburban living	20
Commentary that other noises are just as prevalent	14
Enjoy roosters / roosters no nuisance / don't support inclusion of roosters within the By-law	9
Council should use the existing tools / nuisance act to deal with any issues	6
By-law is Council overreach / over governance	5
Responsible pet ownership / neighbours resolve any issues	4
Sustainable living – roosters support sustainable living	4
What is the need for the By-law / current issue?	2
Concern that permit application charges will come later	2
Shouldn't need a permit for 1 rooster, only multiple	2
Questions about process to obtain a permit	2
Question / concern about township boundaries	2
Question / comment about caged birds vs. free range birds	2

5. Written and Verbal Feedback

One email was received during the engagement period. This email expressed a general complaint about the work of council.

6. Conclusion

A total of 54 people participated in community engagement around the finalisation of our By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management. Participation was through online and hardcopy feedback forms and email and was significantly lower than responses received during Phase 1 of community engagement run through July 2025 (316 responses).

This reduction in responses is expected to be due to the reduced number of By-laws we were consulting on and the revision of proposed By-law No. 7 to now only govern township ownership of roosters and pigeons. It's likely also due to the requirement for participants to register / sign in to Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub to complete the online feedback form.

A large number of responses received during Phase 1 of engagement shared negative feedback across all or several By-laws without providing any useful feedback as to this blanket rejection. Many respondents also resided outside of the Adelaide Hills Council area and did not fall within the jurisdiction of the By-laws.

Of the 54 respondents that participated in Phase 2 of engagement, 96.5% (n=52) of respondents who completed feedback live within the Adelaide Hills Council area, with 3.5% (n=2) living in other suburbs outside of the Adelaide Hills Council area.

By-law No. 4 Roads

The amendment to the timeframe for waste bins on the kerbside was largely supported by participants with 77% of respondents selecting “Yes” or “Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions” when asked if they support the proposed amendments to the draft By-law.

Commentary received focused around concerns for people who require support to take their bins in and out, extenuating circumstances that might prevent the timeframe from being met and that the timeframe was still too restrictive. There were a few comments about why the By-law / timeframe is needed and concerns about bin placement and circumstances that might prevent placement in line with the By-law.

By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management

Majority (76%) of respondents who provided feedback on By-law No. 7 were not in support of the proposed amendments to the draft By-law. When detailing why they didn't support the By-law, many mentioned the importance of maintaining the character of the Adelaide Hills / country living and compared this to city living (20), others mentioned other noises being just as prevalent as roosters and pigeons (14) and that roosters are no nuisance or that they enjoy having roosters around them (11).

Other responses mentioned the existing tools Council has to manage these complaints including the Nuisance Act (6) and that the By-law is council overreach or over governance (5).

7. Appendices

Appendix A – Information Provided and Feedback Form

Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub page



Home / Hills Local Laws



Community engagement open - help us finalise our By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management.

Following community engagement feedback received during July 2025, we have made amendments to our proposed By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management. We are seeking feedback on the proposed amendments to both By-laws as detailed below.

Proposed amendments to By-law No. 4 Roads

In July 2025, we proposed a key change to the existing By-law to include a new section covering residential waste bin management. This section included a timeframe for placing domestic waste, recyclables and green organics containers on the kerbside for collection.

Following community feedback:

- We have increased this timeframe by 10 hours, to allow bins to be placed on the kerbside from 6.00am the day prior to collection.
- The timeframe for waste bins to be returned to properties remains at up to 24 hours after waste collection.

The draft By-law continues to include the following changes that were engaged on in July 2025. We are not seeking further feedback on these changes.



Lifecycle



Community Engagement - Roads and Bird Management

We are seeking feedback on proposed revisions to By-law No. 4 Roads and By-law No. 7 Birds within Townships

[See more](#)

- Detail around the positioning of domestic waste containers on the roadside.
- A new section covering residents altering the vegetation within council verges.

Proposed amendments to new By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management

In July 2025, we proposed a new By-law covering the ownership of livestock, roosters and bee management within designated townships.

Following community feedback:

- This By-law no-longer considers the ownership of livestock and bee management.
- This By-law restricts the ownership within townships, of roosters and pigeons. Residents wishing to have rooster or pigeons within townships will require permission from Council. This approval process will not incur a fee to residents.

You can view both draft By-laws under the Document Library.

Sharing your feedback

You can share your feedback on the proposed amendments in any of the following ways:

- Complete the online feedback form below
- Email your feedback to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Mail a letter to Community Engagement, 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Phone 8408 0400
- Collect a hardcopy feedback form from any AHC Library or Customer Service Centre and submit via any of the ways listed above or by handing into our Council Service Centres or Libraries at:
 - Coventry Library, 63 Mt Barker Rd, Stirling
 - Woodside Service Centre, 26 Onkaparinga Valley Road, Woodside
 - Gumeracha Civic Centre, 45 Albert Street, Gumeracha
 - The Summit Community Centre, 4 Crescent Dr, Norton Summit

This engagement closes at 5pm on Tuesday 23 September 2025.

Feedback form	AHC townships	Background	August Council decision
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Register / sign-in to participate

To complete the online feedback form below, you will need to be registered for Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub. Registration allows us to ensure we can close the loop with you about engagement outcomes and project next steps and helps us to understand who we are receiving feedback from.

Signing up for Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub is as simple as choosing a username and password and entering your email and residential suburb/township. There are other demographic questions you can choose whether you'd like to complete as part of the sign-up process.

FAQs

? What are By-laws?

? How does council enforce By-laws?

? What time can I place rubbish bins out for collection?

? What if I can't move my bin in time due to illness, disability, or being away?

? How will the By-law for Township Bird Management be managed

? If I already have a rooster or pigeons, can I keep them?

[See more](#)

Document Library

Draft By-law No. 4 Roads

PDF (197.28 KB)

Draft By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management

PDF (214.79 KB)

Feedback Form - Hills Local Laws Phase 2

PDF (247.66 KB)

Factsheet - Hills Local Laws Phase 2

PDF (1.50 MB)

[See more](#)

Who's Listening

Hills Local Laws

Help us to finalise our By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management



Following community engagement feedback, we have made amendments to our proposed By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management.

We are seeking feedback on these proposed amendments prior to finalising our local laws.

During July 2025, we asked for your feedback on proposed changes / revisions to our existing six By-laws as well as a proposed additional By-law for livestock and bee management.

At the Council Meeting held on 12 August 2025, Council endorsed the revisions / changes to existing By-laws:

- No. 1 Permits and Penalties
- No. 2 Moveable Signs
- No. 3 Local Government Land
- No. 5 Dogs
- No. 6 Cats

Proposed amendments to By-law No. 4 Roads

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Hills Local Laws

Help us to finalise our By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management



Proposed amendments to new By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management

In July 2025, we proposed a new By-law covering the ownership of livestock, roosters and bee management within designated townships.

Following community feedback:

- Bee management and hooved livestock ownership have been removed from this By-law.
- The newly named By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management will now focus on roosters and pigeons within designated townships. Residents wishing to have rooster or pigeons within townships will require permission from council. This approval process will not incur a fee to residents.



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Hills Local Laws – help us finalise our By-laws

Feedback Form



What's happening?

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Please return this form by 5pm Tuesday 23 September 2025, via one of the following ways:

- Handing in a copy into any Adelaide Hills Council Customer Service Desk (Woodside, Gumeracha, Stirling or The Summit)
- Sending it back in the mail: Melissa Clarke 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Scanning it and emailing it to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au

Feedback Form - Hills Local Laws Phase 2

1. Do you support the amended timeframe for waste bin placement on the kerbside included in draft By-law No. 4 Roads?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions
- ☐ No

2. Any further feedback about draft By-law No. 4 Roads

3. Do you support the amended draft By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions
- ☐ No

4. Any further feedback about draft By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management

About you

5. What is your connection to the Adelaide Hills Council? (choose all that apply)

☐

Resident

☐

Business owner

☐

Visitor

☐

Employee/work

☐

Student

☐

Other: please specify

6. Your Name

7. Your email

8. Your suburb, township or locality

Thank you very much for sharing your feedback.

Appendix B - Verbatim comments from online and hardcopy feedback responses

Any further feedback about the proposed amendments to By-law No. 4 Roads.

Comments from respondents who answered "Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions"

Why can't people just leave their own bins out for as long as they want especially if going away for the weekend

If a bin is within the boundaries of a property, not on council kerbside, is this acceptable? I.e. if at rear of property, on and wholly within the land owners lot, not on the council kerbside, not on the road or footpath or verge, is on the owners land. Is this considered within regulations of "returned to properties"? This is the feedback id like clarified and stipulated in the bylaw if possible.

I understand we don't want bins on pavement ect. In busy streets. I still have concerns if people are sick for example. Maybe a 3 strike then enforcement policy maybe.

I still don't see why we need such a by law. It seems likely to be a waste of council resources, and could invite vexatious and trivial complaints from residents.

How is this going to work for property owners who find it necessary for practical reasons to store their bins on council property due to their house being located a large distance from the collection truck route?

4.16.1 suggest removing reference to 6am the day before and replacing with "as close to 6am on the day of collection as reasonably practicable".

Question the need for section 4.16.2.3 regarding overhanging trees- Common sense should prevail here. The number of incidents where bins are damaged by falling branches or where trucks are obstructed from picking up bins due to overhanging branches is surely negligible?

4.16.2.4 add "or as soon as reasonably practicable."

How does this by-law interact with other relevant policies including the roadside vegetation management policy?

The by-laws need to be enforced and penalties applied for non compliance. Some households leave their bins out by the road permanently never taking them in.

I have no issue with the revised timing for the placement and retrieval of the bins, however as advised in the 1st feedback provided, I do have a concern about the placement of the bins. I understand you are no longer seeking feedback on this aspect of the proposed By-law, HOWEVER, there are many examples in the Hills where it is not safe or possible to place the bin directly in front of the resident's property. In my case the bin is not emptied if placed on my side of the road as the garbage truck does not drive past my property on my side of the road.

Comments from respondents that answered "No"

The proposed change is discriminatory against residents who have a disability, making it difficult or impossible to move their bins without help, which may not be available in the specified time frame.
The time frame for bringing bins back in is still too restricted. I am not always home within 24 hours due to work.
I think that the suggested time to put bins out is too long, particularly when some people making parking difficult.
The amendments are a farcical example of over reach. 4.16.2.1 - the edge of the carriageway is positively dangerous on some of our narrow rural roads. Half of the roads are only collected from one side.
No I don't agree, who do plan to monitor this. Most neighbours look after their neighbours bins by putting them out or bringing them in.
They fail to collect, we leave them out until they are collected
I should not need to gain permission from the council on occasions in which I may have gone away for a short period of time and placed my bin for collection or are unable to remove it immediately after the collection. Moreover, if my elderly grandmother needs help moving her bins in and out and I only see her every other day, she will be infringing this by-law. I see no issue with bins being left out in situations such as these and feel this by-law is overly restrictive on a household's lifestyle.

Any further feedback about the proposed amendments to By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management

Comments from respondents who answered "Yes"
Who grants permission to keep roosters or pigeons and on what grounds? Are there fees associated?
Comments from respondents who answered "Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions"
I still think you should be able to have a rooster anywhere if you want I agree with the pigeon bylaws
I don't have a problem with people having a rooster. For example if you breed your chickens you would need one. I think it should be if people have multiple roosters in a small area then they should be punished. Unfortunately no one will take roosters on so they will have to be euthanased.
What about residents who encourage wild pigeons by feeding them? The pigeons end up congregating en masse to perch on overhead wires and invade other properties searching for free food
Who grants permission to keep roosters or pigeons and on what grounds? Are there fees associated?
Comments from respondents that answered "No"

Local councils have no right to ban pigeons or roosters in Hills townships because these animals are part of the region's rural identity, heritage, and lifestyle. The Adelaide Hills has long been a place where people keep small livestock, poultry, and birds, not only for food and self-sufficiency but also for cultural and community traditions such as showing, breeding, and sport. Imposing blanket bans ignores this history and unfairly penalises responsible owners who care for their animals properly. Pigeons and roosters are no more of a nuisance than barking dogs, noisy lawn mowers, or leaf blowers, yet these are managed with sensible guidelines rather than outright prohibition. Instead of heavy-handed restrictions, councils should support balanced regulations that respect both animal keepers and neighbours, ensuring that the Hills retains its character as a living, working, and diverse community rather than being regulated into a sterile suburbia.

Residents should be able to keep one rooster without requiring a permit. When permits are introduced, the next step is to add a fee. I also note the draft By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management refers to "Bird Management" although it then refers to Roosters and Pigeons - will other birds be added at a later stage? The By-law should be more specific and called By-law No. 7 Township Rooster and Pigeon Management.

We do not live in the city, our region is rural therefore the keeping of a rooster should be allowed. A rooster makes no more noise than a truck driving through a township or even noisy birds such as crows. This proposed restriction is over governing for the sake of areas like Mt Barker

Living in the Adelaide hills, birds are a part of hills life. I don't believe we should need permission to keep animals on our property. How is the sound of a rooster in the hills any worse than the sound of construction in the city?

No point in banning roosters and pigeons in townships unless you can do something about the koalas grunting at all hours, the magpies carolling at the moon and greeting the day at 5.30 or 6.00 am . . . Hills townships are not city suburbs. You already have power to act on residents' complaints, so what is the point of creating a new by-law, and additional work for a council that is already short-staffed?

More information is required on how to obtain permission to keep a rooster. What will happen to the roosters that are already being kept by residents?

I have kept roosters as part of my home chicken flock for the nearly 30 years that I have lived in Aldgate. My property is now very close to the township boundary, and my concern is, if this by-law comes in and the township boundary gets extended further out in the future, then I will fall into the new rules. If this happens then I would no longer be able to have my roosters and this does not seem fair to me just because you extend the boundaries. My right to be self sufficient is now impacted. I would like to see a by-law that says anyone who currently has roosters when a township boundary is changed is able to continue doing so. I am happy for a by-law to not allow new owners to have roosters but those that have them at the point of change should be allowed to continue having roosters.

This is just a way of people to complain about roosters in the hills. People moved here to keep animals and it should be allowed.
What happens if you have a rooster with permit and a neighbour complains? Do you have to get rid of it?

I have numerous properties around me which have roosters and they do NOT cause a noise nuisance to surrounding residents. I strongly believe residents should have the right to own 1 rooster without requiring council approval within townships.

Where a residents intends to house multiple roosters for breeding or commercial gain then yes it should be reviewed by council and possibly require approval.
Similar goes for pigeons where a resident only keeps say 2-4 pigeons as pets, then they should not require council approval. Likewise should they wish to house significantly more for breeding or commercial gain then should be reviewed.
Council is trying to overreach with this by-law particularly when it relates to rural townships. Secondly, the cows in the paddock nearby cause more noise than a single rooster kept as a family pet.
If you can allow beer gardens and cellar doors without consideration for neighbouring residential properties in the interest of tourism, if you can build excessively expensive galleries utilising bushfire funding for the benefit of visitors, if you can continually extend the Amy Gillet in the interest of visitors and ignore safe bike parks and trails for local children, you can start allowing residents of rural areas to live in a rural community without everything being change to suit visitors.
People visit rural communities to escape the trappings of restricted city living. They bring their children to places like the Hahndorf Farm farm, Gorge Wildlife park, the increasing popularity in farm visit to pat a highland cow, photo shoots in flower farms all experience a moment of country life because it is a life they can not experience in the city. It's a tourism selling point. If you can do i for the tourists you can do it for the people who pay the rates for them to experience these.
We live rural
Animals are part of our rural identity and heritage. Most people love that they are a part of our lives.
We live on a semi-rural property on the absolute edge of Adelaide Hills council. Many people in our area have roosters and we hear them day and night, it does not bother us and we feel the sounds are just part of living in a rural area just like other animal sounds. If night time noise is a concern for neighbours people can contain their rooster in a dark crate in a dark shed every night, so no sound all night until let out in the morning. Day time crowing should not be any concern to any neighbour as the native wildlife/traffic/dogs also make sound and it is just part of living together as a rural community.
Roosters are a part of country living .. on the broad scheme of noise pollution they rate very low and I do not want to see them banned .. nothing lovelier than waking to the sound of a rooster crowing .. You should not need a permit to own one ..
Leaf blowers are more annoying than any bird. If you want to live somewhere devoid of life, move to an apartment in the Adelaide CBD.
People live in the hills to raise animals. Any mistreatment can be handled by RSPCA. People should accept animals as a part of hills living. Noisy roosters should be managed on a case by case basis as should be fouling by fowl on other peoples property.
We live in a rural environment and this shouldn't prevent us from keeping birds (roosters and pigeons included)
The adelaide hills is a country area and with that comes the owning of birds including roosters and pigeons. Those who move to the Adelaide hills come for the country lifestyle. If they don't like the sound of roosters then maybe country is not for them.

Cleanliness is important, perhaps responsible ownership laws for these animals needs to be considered rather than completing banning them from townships.

I noticed that in your registration form to join you need to put your "suburb" a reminder that the majority of hills residents live in towns not suburbs, this mindset of suburbia is not what the hills is.

Taking away roosters from towns will remove the feel of the hills. If there is concerns around noise. People need to communicate and not go whinging to the council. That should be a last resort. And a permit to have roosters or pigeon. It's free to start but you will increase to charging us residents. This is the Adelaide hills, not metro city Adelaide. Leave things how they are. By adding these bylaws you remove a portion of what makes the hills, hills.

Also I want to add I, I am Extremely disappointed in the council and the way rate payers are notified of this. I only found out because a local told me it's open again.

19000 homes and only 390 replied last survey. You are negligent of failure to fairly notify the residents.

There is already a legal and regulatory framework covering noise and/or nuisance by neighbours. Council simply needs to act on or appropriately refer on any complaints. The permit system is unnecessary beaurocracy

It's the hills, there should be no restrictions on pigeons and roosters.

I have concerns about the extents of the current township zone covering Crafers, it does not seemed to be based on much logic. We are on a 4 acre block with large blocks adjacent plus Cleland National Park. We have chickens and a rooster and it seems unnecessary to need to register Roger the rooster given our location.

So thats a NO from me.

Regards

I don't see a need to have roosters particularly as township people are restricted to number of poultry one can keep. I don't have a problem with roosters outside townships. Regarding pigeons - if they are caged are they a problem - or does it refer to those who are released to fly about.

Woodside

Roosters only make noise in the morning. Its delightful, a normal part of hills life. Caged cockatiels (for example there's a VERY loud one on Charles St Mt Barker) make a constant, sickening noise, and furthermore, having "pet" caged birds is cruel, outdated and should be banned. Why permit pet birds in cages AT ALL? They annoy neighbours, in fact I've moved house once due to a cockatiel, and its cruel to the birds. Be progressive and pro animal. Permit bees, roosters, and ban caged birds.

Local councils have no right to ban pigeons or roosters in Hills townships because these animals are part of the region's rural identity, heritage, and lifestyle. The Adelaide Hills has long been a place where people keep small livestock, poultry, and birds, not only for food and self-sufficiency but also for cultural and community traditions such as showing, breeding, and sport. Imposing blanket bans ignores this history and unfairly penalises responsible owners who care for their animals properly. Pigeons and roosters are no more of a nuisance than barking dogs, noisy lawn mowers, or leaf blowers, yet these are

managed with sensible guidelines rather than outright prohibition. Instead of heavy-handed restrictions, councils should support balanced regulations that respect both animal keepers and neighbours, ensuring that the Hills retains its character as a living, working, and diverse community rather than being regulated into a sterile suburbia.

Maybe instead of wasting money on an expensive Art gallery and this bylaw you could fix the damage council Building (Woollen Mill) that has lead to business moving out of the town which will impact the growth and economy of Lobethal!

Imagine living in the hills and being a hill Ls council and wanting to ban birds, in Lobethal we have to suffer through more noise and blatant disregard for residents during the Lobethal lights festival!

No bees no food. We must support bee populations. Rosters are part of the rural village lifestyle we live and are no different to someone starting a motorbike or using garden tools or the church bell or the CFS fire drill test . It's all part of living in the hills. This is not the metropolitan suburbs.

If someone wants to make a complaint abt a rooster they can why ban them or make them be registered. What is wrong with pigeons, it is not like you get thousands congregating in neighbourhoods. I have 5 that come to my backyard with the rest of the birds, why is there an issue.

Should be treated like dogs, only pursue if there is a significant noise issue from a particular address. Considering I am woken by trucks from 5am every day, I'd prefer a rooster...

This is an area of control i feel is no a council problem. We have had roosters for 3 years and never received a neighbourhood complaint what so ever. We have had families tell us they enjoy the chickens amd the occasional crow.

We live outside of the mt barker built up areas we have always had roosters and it has never been an issue it should be felt with the same way dogs are if there is a complaint then a solution needs to be made not just outright banning all roosters there is more noise made from barking dogs or screeching galahs

The hills is a rural area it doesn't make sense to stop residents from having roosters if they wish. We hear cows mooing, chickens clucking, dogs barking and they are no where near as loud or as much of a nuisance as the Corellas. If my neighbour had a rooster I wouldn't have a problem with it. I knew we would be hearing animals when we chose to live here.

We live in the Adelaide Hills for a reason. The plan to ban birds from yards must be abolished. These birds have long been part of households and communities, providing food, sustainability, and companionship. Removing them serves no real purpose and only harms responsible families who care for them. Councils should scrap this plan entirely.

The sound of farm animals is something I thoroughly enjoy about living in the hills. I am not fortunate enough to purchase property and instead, live in the township of Lobethal. I can hear roosters from my location (as well as cows and sheep, for example). While I appreciate that there will always be people that dislike any noise, I speak to those people that find this sound a small comfort in an otherwise frustrated world.

I still think you should be able to have a rooster anywhere if you want
I agree with the pigeon bylaws

I don't have a problem with people having a rooster. For example if you breed your chickens you would need one. I think it should be if people have multiple roosters in a

small area then they should be punished. Unfortunately no one will take roosters on so they will have to be euthanasia. 22

What about residents who encourage wild pigeons by feeding them The pigeons end up by congregating en masse to perch on overhead wires and invade other properties searching for free food

Who grants permission to keep roosters or pigeons and on what grounds ? Are there fees associated?

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 **Adelaide Hills Council**
September 11 at 12:20 PM · 🌐

We've revised our proposed Hills Local By-Laws after listening to your feedback — now we'd like your thoughts again before we finalise them.

- ◆ By-law 4: Bin collection rules — We've extended the time. Bins can now go out from 6am the day before.
- ◆ By-law 7: Township Bird Management — Livestock and bee keeping has been removed. Only roosters and pigeons in townships will need Council approval (no fee).

Take a look and share your feedback by  Tuesday 23 September 🌟 <https://ow.ly/PpLU50WUjBP>



Public Consultation: Hills Local Laws - By-laws Review

Adelaide Hills Council is seeking feedback on further changes to our existing By-law for Roads and proposed new By-law for Township Bird Management.

Following community feedback received during July 2025, Council resolved to make changes to the draft By-law No. 4 Roads and the newly named By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management.

We'd like to find out if our community supports the proposed changes prior to finalising these local laws.

To view the draft By-laws and to provide your feedback, please visit engage.ahc.sa.gov.au before 5pm on Tuesday 23 September 2025.



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For more
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Hills Council on
8408 0400



Hills Local Laws - help us finalise our By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management

Hi {{Username}}

Following community engagement feedback received during July 2025, we have made amendments to our proposed By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management. We are seeking feedback on the proposed amendments prior to finalising these local laws.

Community engagement open - help us finalise our By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management

You can view the proposed amendments to By-law No. 4 Roads and By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management, by visiting the project page on [Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub](#) or collecting a factsheet from one of our libraries or customer service centres.

Sharing your feedback:

You can share your feedback on the proposed amendments in any of the following ways:

- Complete the [online feedback form](#)
- Email your feedback to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Mail a letter to Community Engagement, 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling

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- Phone 8408 0400
- Collect a hardcopy feedback form from any AHC Library or Customer Service Centre and submit via any of the ways listed above or by handing into our Council Service Centres or Libraries at:
 - Coventry Library, 63 Mt Barker Rd, Stirling
 - Woodside Service Centre, 26 Onkaparinga Valley Road, Woodside
 - Gumeracha Civic Centre, 45 Albert Street, Gumeracha
 - The Summit Community Centre, 4 Crescent Dr, Norton Summit

This engagement closes at 5pm on Tuesday 23 September 2025.

Hills Local Laws - help us finalise our By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management

Have a great day

Melissa Clarke

Community Engagement Coordinator



September Newsletter - Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub

Hi Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub members,

We hope you've been enjoying our new Engagement Hub site. We're excited to share some of the new functions with you and we have a range of engagement projects currently open that you might like to check out.

September 2025 Engagement Update:

Hills Local Laws - help us finalise our By-laws for Roads and Township

Bird Management - Following community engagement feedback, we have made amendments to our proposed By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management. We are seeking feedback on the proposed amendments to both By-laws.

Bridge Name Proposal - Mount Torrens - We are seeking your feedback on the proposal to name the DIT bridge located on Townsend Street, Mount Torrens to Andy Bennett Bridge.

Woodside CFS Lease - We are seeking feedback on the proposal to enter into a long-term lease with the CFS for the land they currently occupy at 8 Nairne Road, Woodside for the Woodside CFS Station.

Your Say, Your Way - help shape our new community engagement framework

- We are developing a Community Engagement Framework that will guide the way we undertake community engagement activities, and we'd like you to help us to understand what's most important to feature in this document. There are a variety of ways that you can provide your ideas and feedback on what should be included.

Upper Sturt Community Forum - Our next community forum is coming up in Upper Sturt on Tuesday 30 September and we'd like your help to understand how we can improve the way we engage with you. Hear presentations from Imagine Uraidla and Friends of Reconciliation Adelaide Hills. Light food provided along with tea, coffee and water.

Update your categories and locations of interest - As an existing Engagement Hub member your details have been brought across to our new site. The first time you login you will be required to reset your password. We'd also encourage you to update your member details and notification preferences at the same time. Updating these details gives you the opportunity to update your categories and locations of interest and control when you receive notifications.

Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub

Have a great day

Melissa Clarke

Community Engagement Coordinator

Hi Adelaide Hills resident and community associations,

We'd like to make you aware that we currently have the second phase of community engagement open around the review of our By-laws. Following community engagement feedback received during July 2025, we have made amendments to our proposed By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management. We are seeking feedback on the proposed amendments prior to finalising these local laws. This engagement might be one that you'd like to share with your members / neighbours.

Community engagement open - help us finalise our By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management

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Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.



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