

Hills Local Laws – help us review our By-laws

Feedback Form



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.

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.

We'd like your help to review our proposed changes to existing By-laws and proposed new By-law for domestic livestock and bee management. You can choose to provide feedback on all 7 of our By-laws or just the ones you are most interested in.

Please return this form by 5pm Tuesday 22 July 2025, via one of the following ways:

- Handing in a copy into any Adelaide Hills Council Customer Service Desk (Woodside, Gumeracha or Stirling)
- 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

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Proposed changes to By-law No. 1 Permits and Penalties

We are proposing the following minor changes to the existing By-law for Permits and Penalties to bring the By-law in line with current case law and future technology:

- Enhanced Permit System
- Introducing digital application methods (website and vending machines)
- Vehicle Related Liability
 - If a vehicle is involved in a "prescribed offence," the owner can be held liable.
 - Provides a framework for the owner to nominate a driver or prove loss of possession.

1. Do you support the proposed changes to By-law No. 1 Permits and Penalties?

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

2. Any further feedback about the proposed changes to By-law No. 1 Permits and Penalties

Proposed changes to By-law No. 2 Moveable Signs

We are proposing the following key changes to the existing By-law for Moveable Signs:

- Clarification that signs must not include flashing or moving parts to align with safety standards.
- Adding limits on total display area and placement relative to overhead clearance to align with safety standards.
- Powers to remove and dispose of unclaimed signs after 30 days to ensure efficient and effective time management of Council staff, these powers already exist under the Unclaimed Goods Act 1987.

3. Do you support the proposed changes to By-law No. 2 Moveable Signs?

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

4. Any further feedback about the proposed changes to By-law No. 2 Moveable Signs

Minor revisions to existing By-law No. 3 Local Government Land

As part of our By-law review process, we are making revisions to the existing By-law No. 3 Local Government Land.

These revisions involve non-substantive improvement including, refinement of definitions, clarification of terms, and minor editorial updates to improve readability and alignment with current legislation.

5. Do you support the revisions for By-law No. 3 Local Government Land?

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Yes

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Yes, but I have some concerns or suggestions

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No

6. Any further feedback about revisions to By-law No. 3 Local Government Land

Proposed changes to By-law No. 4 Roads

We are proposing two key changes to the existing By-law for Roads which includes: ☐

A new section covering residential waste bin management, providing detail around:

- The timeframe for placing domestic waste, recyclables and green organics container on the kerbside for collection and returning them to private property after collection.
- The positioning of domestic waste containers to be on the street in front of and on the same side as the premises, abutting the edge of (but not on) the carriageway and positioned so that the side of the container on which the hinges of the lid are situated faces the premises and is not under any overhanging branches of a street tree.

A new section covering residents altering the vegetation within council verges. This includes seeking permission for the following activities:

- Picking plants
- Removing soil or rocks
- Harming nests, habitats, or aquatic life
- Burning timber or wood

7. Do you support the proposed changes to By-law No. 4 Roads?

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

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

Minor revisions to existing By-law No. 5 Dogs

As part of our By-law review process, we are making revisions to the existing By-law No. 5 Dogs. These revisions involve non-substantive improvement including, refinement of definitions, clarification of terms, and minor editorial updates to improve readability and alignment with current legislation.

9. Do you support the revisions for By-law No. 5 Dogs?

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

10. Any further feedback about revisions to By-law No. 5 Dogs

Minor revisions to existing By-law No. 6 Cats

As part of our By-law review process, we are making revisions to the existing By-law No. 6 Cats.

These revisions involve non-substantive improvement including, refinement of definitions, clarification of terms, and minor editorial updates to improve readability and alignment with current legislation.

11. Do you support the revisions for By-law No. 6 Cats

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

12. Any further feedback about revisions to By-law No. 6 Cats

New By-law No. 7 Domestic Livestock and Bee Management

This new by-law will restrict the ownership within townships of roosters, bees and livestock. Residents wishing to have rooster or roosters, bees or livestock within townships will require permission from Council. This approval process will not incur a fee to residents.

The By-law responds to ongoing community concerns and complaints regarding noise, odour, and nuisance arising from these animals in residential settings. It aims to protect the amenity, safety and wellbeing of residents while continuing to support responsible animal keeping through a clear, permission-based framework.

This new By-law is being proposed to bring Council in-line with industry codes and recommendations about animal ownership within townships and to assist with reducing the number of nuisance complaints received by Council, regarding ownership of these animals within closely located residential properties.

13. Do you support the introduction of By-law No. 7 Domestic Livestock and Bee Management?

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

14. Any further feedback about By-law No. 7 Domestic Livestock and Bee Management

About you

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

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Resident

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Business owner

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Visitor

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Employee/work

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Student

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Other: please specify

16. Your Name _____

17. Your email _____

18. Your suburb, township or locality

Thank you very much for sharing your feedback.