

Hills Local Laws – Phase 3

Community Engagement Outcomes Report

December 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. 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

In November 2025, we received correspondent from the Legislative Review Committee (LRC), advising of errors and corrections required following Council endorsement of the revised By-law No. 3 Local Government Land, in August 2025. We are required to re-engage with our community around an Amendment By-law 2026 required to rectify these drafting errors.

We invited feedback from the public on the Adelaide Hills Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2026 between Tuesday 11 November and Tuesday 2 December 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 two participants provided feedback on the Amendment By-law 2026.

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 Amendment By-law 2026 created to addresses concerns raised by the Legislative Review Committee (LRC).

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. Consultation was undertaken with the community over 22 days from Tuesday 11 November to Tuesday 2 December 2025.

Questions were asked to determine participants level of support for the proposed Amendment By-law 2026, 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:

- Adelaide Hills Council Website and Engagement Hub Page
- Email to previous engagement participants
- Email to Elected Members to share
- Posters, hardcopy information and feedback forms available at Customer Service Centres and Libraries at Gumeracha, Stirling, Woodside and The Summit.

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

All promotional advertisements are provided in Appendix B.

3. Participants

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

Participation source

The following table displays how participants provided feedback.

Table 1 Participation Source

Activity	Number Participating
Online submissions	2
Hardcopy submissions	0
Written response – email, letter	0
Total Consultation Participation	2

Participation characteristics

Respondents suburb

Table 2 Participant Suburbs

Suburb / Township	No. of Respondents	% of Participants
Bridgewater	1	50%
Crafers	1	50%
Total	No. 2	100%

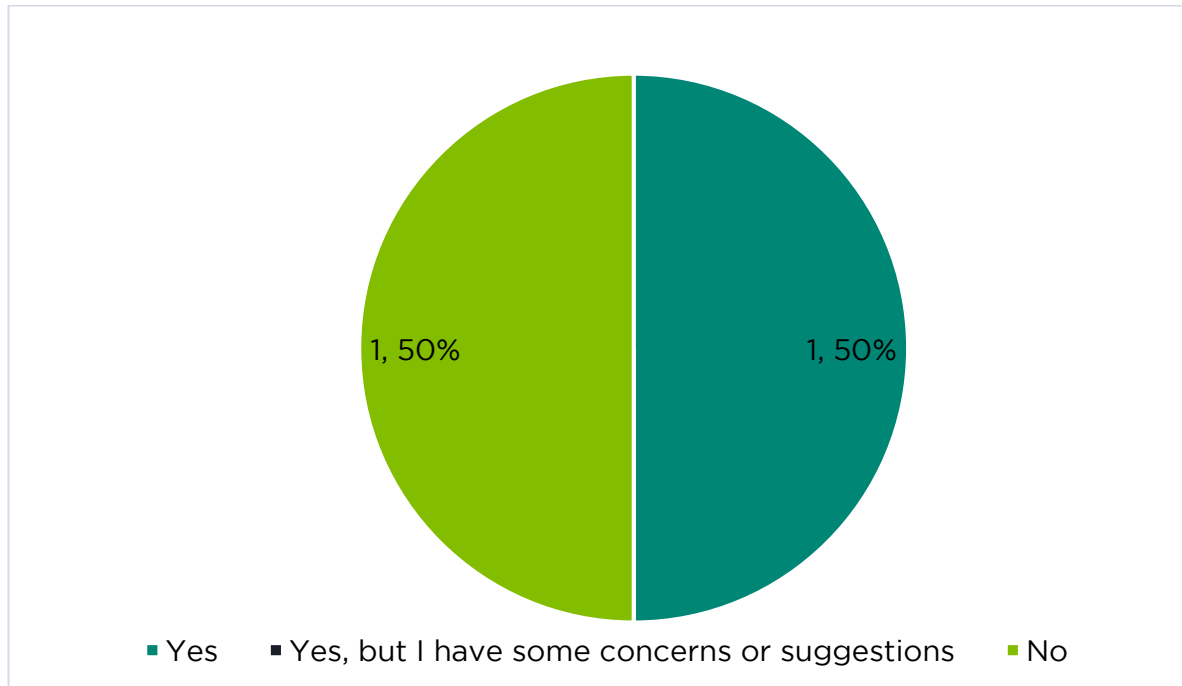
4. Online Feedback

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Level of support the Amendment By-law 2026

Two respondents provided feedback on the Amendment By-law 2026. When asked if they supported the draft Amendment By-law 2026, one respondent answered “Yes” and one respondent answered “No”.

Chart/graph 1: Respondents’ level of support



Respondents feedback and comments

Respondents were asked to if they had “Any further feedback about Amendment By-law 2026”. One respondent chose to provide a comment in relation to township boundaries and the draft By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management, and it is shown verbatim below:

Comment: “Yes, as outlined in my previous submission, I disagree with the current Crafers township outline and am requesting a review as in areas such as our property it does not seem logical as we live on a 4 acre property surrounded by similar sized properties. I also disagree with the need to register Roger the rooster.”

5. Conclusion

As can be seen from the two feedback responses received, there was limited interest and/or disagreement with the need for the Amendment By-law 2026 required to rectify drafting errors in the previously endorsed By-law No. 3 Local Government Land (endorsed in August 2025).

The one respondent who was not supportive of the Amendment By-law 2026, referenced feedback not in relation to the By-law being discussed but rather township boundaries and the draft By-law No. 7 Township Bird Management.

6. Appendices

Appendix A – Information Provided and Feedback Form

Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub page



Home / Hills Local Laws



Adelaide Hills Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2026, has been prepared to rectify drafting errors in the Local Government Land By-Law No. 3 of 2025 adopted earlier this year.

Why is the amended By-law required?

This amendment addresses concerns raised by the Legislative Review Committee (LRC). They have advised council of the errors and corrections required following Council endorsement of the revised By-law No. 3 Local Government Land, in August 2025.

The following issues have been identified:

- Definition of “animal” does not exclude dogs.
- Clause 4.24 does not exempt lawful fishing activities, creating inconsistency with Clause 4.23.
- Incorrect cross-references in Clauses 10.2, 10.3, and 11, which affect the intended application of exemptions and resolutions under the *Local Government Act 1999*.

You can view draft Amendment By-law 2026 under the Document Library.

The previously adopted 2025 version of By-law No. 3 Local Government Land will come into effect on 1st January 2026. The revisions within the Amendment By-law 2026 will not take effect until they are adopted by the Council. Once adopted by the Council, the revisions listed above will replace the relevant sections within By-law No. 3 Local Government Land.



Lifecycle

- Draft By-laws**
Draft By-laws presented to Council and endorsed for community engagement.
- Community Engagement Open**
This consultation is open for contributions.
- Under Review**
Contributions to this consultation are closed for

the Council. Once adopted by the Council, the revisions listed above will replace the relevant sections within By-law No. 3 Local Government Land.

Sharing your feedback

You can share your feedback on the Adelaide Hills Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-Law 2026, 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 2 December 2025.

Feedback form	Background	Aug 2025 Council decision	Nov 2025 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.

If you are an existing member visiting the new platform for the first time, you will need to reset your password before you can sign-in. To reset your password, click the 'Log in / Join' button in the banner at the top the page. Then click the 'Forgot password?' link.

You will be asked to enter your email address. Click the 'reset and email password' button and we will send you instructions to reset your password.

Register for Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub

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Feedback Form - Amendment to By-law for Local Government Land

Under Review

Contributions to this consultation are closed for evaluation and review. The project team will report back on key outcomes.

Council Report

The below By-laws presented to Council for endorsement:

- No. 1 Permits and Penalties
- No. 2 Moveable Signs
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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

Community engagement- amendments to By-law No. 3 Local Government Land

Tuesday 11 November to Tuesday 2 December 2025

Council Report - 25 November 2025

The below By-laws presented to Council for endorsement:

- No. 4 Roads
- No. 7 Birds within Townships

By-laws reviewed by Legislative Review Committee

Draft by-laws sent to Legislative Review Committee for approval post to Council endorsement.

[See less](#)

FAQs

? What are By-laws?

Adelaide Hills Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2026

Do you support the Adelaide Hills Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By Law 2026? Required

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

Any further feedback about Amendment By-law 2026

About you

What is your connection to the Adelaide Hills Council? Required

Select all that apply

- ☐ Resident
- ☐ Business owner
- ☐ Visitor
- ☐ Employee/work
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Name Required

Email address Required

mclarke@ahc.sa.gov.au

Your suburb, township or locality Required

What are By-laws?

? How does council enforce By-laws?

? What amendments are being proposed?

Document Library

Adelaide Hills Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2026

PDF (360.85 KB)

Feedback Form - Amendment By-law 2026

PDF (241.98 KB)

Poster - Hills Local Laws Phase 3

PDF (2.06 MB)

Factsheet - Hills Local laws Phase 3

PDF (246.84 KB)

[See more](#)

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Hills Local Laws

Share your feedback on the Amendment By-Law 2026



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Hills Local Laws- Share your feedback on Amendment By-law 2026



What's happening?

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Please return this form by 5pm Tuesday 2 December 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 - Amendment to By-law for Local Government Land

1. Do you support the Adelaide Hills Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-Law 2026?

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

2. Any further feedback about Amendment By-law 2026

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

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| ☐ Resident | ☐ Business owner |
| ☐ Visitor | ☐ Employee/work |
| ☐ Student | ☐ Other: please specify |

4. Your Name _____

5. Your email _____

6. Your suburb, township or locality _____

Thank you very much for sharing your feedback.

Email to previous engagement contributors sent on 12 November 2025

Hills Local Laws November 2025 Update

Hi {{Username}}

Thank you for sharing your feedback on our draft By-laws during July and September 2025.

Hills Local Laws November 2025 Update

A Report will be presented to Council at the Council Meeting on 25 November 2025 sharing the Community Engagement Outcomes Report and making recommendations around next steps for our By-laws for Roads and Township Bird Management.

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You can find out more about this process and share your feedback, by visiting Adelaide Hills Engagement Hub.

[Hills Local Laws - Help us review our By-laws](#)



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