

Public Notice

Notice of Intention to Make Local Law

PROPOSED COMMUNITY AMENITY (AMENDMENT) LOCAL LAW 2026

Notice

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 73 of the Local Government Act 2020 that, at its meeting on 10 December 2026, Port Phillip City Council resolved to release the draft Community Amenity (Amendment) Local Law 2026 for public submissions.

Proposed Community Amenity (Amendment) Local Law 2026

The intended effect of the Local Law amendment is to introduce a new Part 4A – Encampment Equipment on Council Land, Roads and Footpaths – into the Community Amenity Local Law 2023.

The proposed Local Law will, if made, empower authorised officers to address encampments impacting community safety and amenity. The powers would include directing a person to remove encampment equipment, removing the equipment if that direction is not followed, and impounding the equipment where required.

The proposed Local Law will, if made, give authorised officers the power to exercise these powers only when encampments are causing adverse impacts on amenity or community wellbeing, while ensuring a continued focus on welfare. Although any exercise of power would remain a last-resort measure, the change may help prevent camps from developing in ways that create safety or amenity risks for the community.

Copies

A copy of the proposed Local Law may be obtained from Council Offices at:

- 99a Carlisle Street St Kilda (8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday)
- 333 Bay Street Port Melbourne (10am to 4pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday)

The document may be accessed also on Council's website

<https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/community-amenity-amendment>, or telephone (03) 9209 6777.

Submissions

Any person who wishes to make a submission in relation to a proposed Local Law must lodge the submission in writing addressed to Safety and Amenity Team, City of Port Phillip, Private Bag 3, St Kilda Vic 3182, online via Council's website <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/community-amenity-amendment>, or via email to communitysafety@portphillip.vic.gov.au.

Submissions will be received until **29 March 2026**. Please note, that unless a submitter advises Council to the contrary, the submission may be made available to the public.

Council, in accordance with Section 73 of the Local Government Act 2020, will consider all written submissions received by the advertised deadline.