



## **FACT SHEET No.2**

### **Proposed Changes to Local Law**

## **Information for the Community**

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Pyrenees Shire Council will soon release our proposed General Local Law 2018 for public comment after an extensive review of our existing laws. The new law will replace the existing Local Law No.2 Environment and Local Law No.3 Streets and Roads. We have reviewed and consolidated our two main local laws to ensure that the laws are relevant, easier to understand, that they reflect community expectations, and maintain the safety and amenity of the Shire.

Most of the proposed new local laws will be familiar and are simply an up-to-date revision of the existing laws, but there are new laws that will affect business, industry and the general community.

### **How will this affect the Community?**

#### **Dangerous and Unsightly Land**

The revised local law will impose tighter restrictions around how land is kept, to support public safety and visual amenity. This local law aims to better control dangerous and unsightly materials being kept on properties in the Shire, affecting residential, commercial and industrial properties.

#### **Shipping Containers**

The revised local law aims to regulate the use of shipping containers by introducing a permit system to authorise certain usage that is not provided for in the Planning Scheme or Building Act. For the temporary use of shipping containers, land owners will be able to obtain a temporary storage permit to facilitate the construction of an approved permanent dwelling. For the permanent usage of shipping containers as a shedding alternative, land owners will continue to require a building permit and possible planning permit.

#### **Camping on Private Land**

The revised local law for camping on private property will regulate the length of time one can camp without a permit. This aims to manage the safety of campers and the health of the environment, whilst deterring permanent occupation.

#### **Temporary Dwellings**

There will be some changes around what circumstances support a Temporary Dwelling permit. This includes the requirement for a current Building Permit and Planning Permit to be obtained before a Temporary Dwelling Permit can be issued. There will also be a requirement to comply with emergency management and sanitary conditions.

### **Your Feedback**

Local Laws aim to make our Shire an attractive, safe and fair place to live. The proposed General Local Law is being drafted and will be released for public comment in November 2018. If you have any concerns or comments about the proposed changes, we encourage you to participate in the public submission process following release of the final draft.

