

Local Law No. 2

Preamble

Hepburn Shire Council's Local Law No.2 (LL2) is designed to secure community safety, protect public assets and enhance neighbourhood amenity. LL2 is consistent with principles of justice and fairness and reflects our commitment to preserving the enjoyment of public spaces by those who live, visit or work in the Shire. Hepburn Shire is becoming a part of Melbourne's peri-urban fringe, and this impacts how public spaces can be enjoyed. LL2 seeks to balance the pressures and diversity of needs by users of public spaces, with safety and amenity.

The LL2 will be underpinned by a number of guidance documents which clearly articulate how the local laws are to be interpreted and applied, with the intent of making the local law transparent and practical.

Council have incorporated changes in the LL2 that reflect community feedback, including changes to the use of the term public place, foraging, riding horses and vehicle repair. We acknowledge the community's desire to improve environmental outcomes, and we maintain our commitment to sustainability.

The *Local Government Act 1989* authorises Victorian Councils to make local laws to assist with the performance of their various functions in their communities. Hepburn Shire Council has adopted the *Community Amenity and Municipal Places Local Law* to protect and enhance the public health, safety and amenity of the Hepburn community comprising its residents, workers, businesses and visitors. The Local Law is designed to ensure that the actions of an individual or group do not have an adverse impact on the rest of the community. Specified documents have been incorporated into the Local Law to give helpful and practical guidance to affected persons.