

## Dog Local Law 2022 - Engagement Plan

### PART 1

#### Purpose of engagement:

Gain feedback, any concerns and recommendations from the community in relation to the proposed Dog Local Law 2022.

#### Background:

The *Local Government Act 1995* offers the power for Western Australian local governments to make any local laws considered necessary for the good government of their districts.

The proposed Local Law replaces the current Dog Local Law 2004, which is outdated and lacking some provisions as expected by community standards.

#### Summary of project/proposal:

The purpose of the proposed Dog Local Law 2022 is to provide a current and relevant statutory environment, with up to date and relevant management and enforcement processes in respect to the keeping, and the control of dogs, and dog facilities within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, and for the safety, wellbeing, convenience and amenity for the residents, visitors and the general community.

The effect of this local law is to provide clarity and consistency with current legislation, and is considered to meet the current and future needs, and the expectations of the community, with regards to the keeping of domestic dogs.

and for the residents in the Shire, as well as Shire staff, and is consistent with contemporary local laws with similar purposes across Western Australia.

The proposed Dog Local Law 2022 provides the additional requirements to ensure a dog is contained, is not a nuisance, prohibition on certain public places, requirements in dog exercise areas and the requirement to pick up excrement after your dog.

#### What do you want to achieve from the community engagement?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gathering information<br><input type="checkbox"/> Obtaining local knowledge<br><input type="checkbox"/> Obtaining feedback on activity/proposal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obtaining feedback on draft plan/document<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identifying need(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Exploring values and trade-offs | <input type="checkbox"/> Validating research/data<br><input type="checkbox"/> Seeking guidance/direction<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educating community members<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>..... |
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## Contact Us

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 Open Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm (closed public holidays)



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### What is the relevant legislation to take into account?

Dog Act 1976, Dog Regulations 2013 & The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Local Law- Keeping of Dogs (2004).

### Key messages to the community:

- The new proposed Dog Local Law 2022 will replace the Shire's current Local Law- Keeping of Dogs (2004) and aims to provide up to date and relevant management and enforcement processes in respect to the keeping, and the control of dogs, and dog facilities within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.
- If you own a dog, there will be little or no change for you and your dog. The proposed Dog Local Law 2022 provides the additional requirements to ensure:
  - a dog is contained
  - is not a nuisance
  - requirements in dog exercise areas; and
  - the requirement to pick up excrement after your dog.

### Target/stakeholder groups

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General community/residents/ratepayers<br><input type="checkbox"/> Young people<br><input type="checkbox"/> Seniors<br><input type="checkbox"/> Community groups/sporting clubs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Faith/religious groups<br><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/friends' groups<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident/ratepayer groups<br><input type="checkbox"/> Parents' groups<br><input type="checkbox"/> Culturally and linguistically diverse people<br><input type="checkbox"/> People with disability<br><input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people | <input type="checkbox"/> Local businesses<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industry groups/peak bodies<br><input type="checkbox"/> Local schools/educational institutions<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Media<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other local governments<br><input type="checkbox"/> State government(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Federal government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Parliamentarians/politicians<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shire Elected Members<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shire Executive<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shire staff |
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### Specific stakeholders:

- Dog owners
- Users of Byford Bark Park, Jarrahdale Oval and Bill Hicks reserve
- Local vets

### Areas/location are to be targeted as part of the engagement:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Issue specific – not location targeted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whole of Shire<br><input type="checkbox"/> <Insert number> metres radius<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>.....<br><input type="checkbox"/> Byford<br><input type="checkbox"/> Cardup<br><input type="checkbox"/> Darling Downs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hopeland | <input type="checkbox"/> Jarrahdale<br><input type="checkbox"/> Karrakup<br><input type="checkbox"/> Keysbrook<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mardella<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mundijong<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oakford<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oldbury<br><input type="checkbox"/> Serpentine<br><input type="checkbox"/> Whitby |
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### Expected/desired number of participants

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 50<br><input type="checkbox"/> 50 – 100<br><input type="checkbox"/> 101 – 200 | <input type="checkbox"/> 201 – 500<br><input type="checkbox"/> 501 -1,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> >1,000 |
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### Budget for engagement

The budget excludes staff time and operational resources.

### Planned start and end dates:

Allow 4 weeks lead in time from approval of engagement activity to commence

Allow 3 weeks for community consultation period.

Start: TBA

End: TBA

### Engagement methods

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus group                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Interview               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forums/workshop                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Popup at venue or event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardcopy questionnaire               | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online questionnaire      | <input type="checkbox"/> Working group           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interactive display board | <input type="checkbox"/> Feedback form           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public open house                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter box              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Door knocking                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                   |

### Description of above methods:

- Online survey on Your Say SJ
- Corflute poster displayed at dog parks, with QR code linking to survey

### Valid responses (if relevant)

For a response to be valid, the respondent must:

- Reside in the Shire
- Own property in the Shire
- Visit the Shire

The Shire will accept not accept anonymous responses.

### Multiple/duplicate responses (if relevant)

The Shire will only accept:

- 1 submission per person



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Communication methods		
<p><b>Direct communication</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Letter</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Meeting/face-to-face</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone call</p> <p><b>Print communication</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brochure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Flyer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FAQs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Scarp Voice (monthly newsletter in The Examiner newspaper)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Media Release</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper advert</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poster</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public Notice</p>	<p><b>Online communication</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SJ Matters (monthly Shire eNewsletter)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facebook post</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Facebook advertisement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Google advertising</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Twitter post</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn post</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Your Say SJ project page</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website (homepage banner)</p>	<p><b>Electronic communication</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Television advertisement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Radio advertisement (Heritage FM)</p> <p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bus stop advertising</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> On site meeting/listening post</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shopping centre pop up</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special event/launch</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Signage</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>.....</p>



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## Dog Local Law - Engagement Schedule

Andrew Trosic (AT) Thomas Vassallo (TV) Amanda Bain (AB) Justin Rake (JR) Brian Oliver (BO) Executive Manager Group (EMG)

#	Activity	Outcome / detailed description	Target stakeholder	Key dates	Notes	Responsibility	Output / record
<b>2. Engagement Plan Activities</b>							
2.1	Engagement Plan approved	Approval to implement engagement plan	Thomas			AT/EMG	
2.2	Design assets	Develop design assets (poster/newspaper advert, Social Media graphics and website banner) for promotion	Community			TV + AB	
2.3	Publish Your Say SJ project page	Project page published with survey	All		Refer to Part 2 of this document	JR	
2.4	Poster displayed at Dog parks	Corflutes promoting project and survey	Dog owners			TV	
<b>ENGAGEMENT OPENS – DATE TBC</b>							
2.5	Grapevine news story	Inform staff of engagement project and survey	Staff			TV	
2.6	Friday Facts story	Inform EMG + Councillors of engagement	Councillors + EMG			TV	
2.7	Newspaper advert	Advertise engagement project and survey	Examiner Newspaper			AB	
2.8	Social Media post #1	Post #1 about engagement project and survey	Community			JR	
2.9	Your Say SJ eNewsletter	Story in Your Say SJ eNewsletter	Your Say SJ subscribers			JR	
2.10	Social Media post #2	Post #2 about engagement project and survey	Community			JR	
2.11	SJ Matters eNewsletter	Story in SJ Matters eNewsletter	SJ Matters subscribers			JR	
<b>ENGAGEMENT CLOSES – DATE TBC</b>							
2.12	Outcomes report	Provide survey reports	Thomas			JR	



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2.13	Email people who made submission of report to Council	Advise of report to Council following review of community engagement	People who made submission			TV	
2.14	Council Report	Inform Council of community engagement and recommendation regarding Local Law	Council			TV	
2.15	Finalise project page	Advise of decision and close project page	N/A			JR	
2.16	Email people who made submission of Council decision	Advise of Council decision and next steps	People who made submission			TV	

### Evaluation and reporting of engagement outcomes

Outcomes from the engagement will be analysed and reported to the community via a Community Engagement Outcomes Report.

The report will be presented Council and will be uploaded to the project page on your Say SJ.

### Approval

Manager <Service Team Name>	Date
Director <Directorate Name> (if applicable)	Date
Chief Executive Officer (if applicable)	Date



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**PART 2**

<b>Title of engagement project</b>	Proposed Dog Local Law
<b>Reference number</b>	E22/8009
<b>Engagement dates</b>	<p><i>Allow 4 weeks lead in time from approval of engagement activity to commence</i></p> <p><i>Allow 3 weeks for community consultation period.</i></p> <p>Start: <b>TBA</b></p> <p>End: <b>TBA</b></p>
<b>Description of engagement project</b>	<p>The new proposed Dog Local Law 2022 will replace the Shire's current Local Law- Keeping of Dogs (2004) and aims to provide up to date and relevant management and enforcement processes in respect to the keeping, and the control of dogs, and dog facilities within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.</p> <p>If you own a dog, there will be little or no change for you and your dog.</p> <p>The proposed Dog Local Law 2022 provides the additional requirements for the keeping of dogs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ dogs are adequately confined by fence, gate, enclosure or other confinement measures</li> <li>○ dogs are not a nuisance</li> <li>○ requirements in dog exercise areas; and</li> <li>○ the requirement to pick up excrement after your dog.</li> </ul>



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### View the proposed Dog Local Law 2022

The proposed Dog Local Law 2022 is available to view under the documents section of this webpage.

### FAQs

**Q: Why is the updated Dog Local Law needed?**

**A:** The proposed Local Law will clarify certain aspects of the Dog Act/Regulations and assist in maintaining the community expectations for dog owners to control and contain their dogs.

**Q: What are the key changes in regarding the proposed replacement Local law?**

**A:**

- 1 Provisions for containment of dogs
- 2 Provisions for Dog Exercise Areas
- 3 Requirement to dispose of your dog's excrement

**Q: Will I have extra responsibilities as a dog owner?**

**A:** Yes, only that dog owners are responsible for disposing of their dog's excrement when deposited on public land. Other aspects of the updated Local Law are already in place or clarify the provisions Dog Act/Regulations

**Q: Will owners be required to have suitable fences and close their gates?**

**A:** Owners are currently required to have their dog held on a lead while in public and not allow the dog to trespass on private property. The Proposed updated Local Law will specify that dogs are to be adequately confined by fence, gate, enclosure or other confinement measures.

**Q: Will the updated Local Law affect the "Stop Puppy Farming Bill"**

**A:** No, the proposed changes to the Dog Act/Regulations in relation to "Puppy Farming" will not be affected by the proposed Local Law

**Q: Do other councils have Dog Local Laws?**

**A:** Yes, most Local Governments have implemented a Dog Local Law.

**Q: My neighbours dog barks as a nuisance, will this proposed law help?**



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	<b>A:</b> The Dog Act 1976 already has provisions for nuisance dogs. Further information is available on the <b>Shire's website</b> .

<b>Making a submission</b>	<p>Submissions on the Dog Local Law may be lodged by one of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing an online form below</li> <li>• Email your feedback to info@sjshire.wa.gov.au stating the following reference number: <b>&lt;insert reference number&gt;</b></li> <li>• A written submission, submitted by mail or in person to 6 Paterson Street, Mundijong, including the reference number: <b>&lt;insert reference number&gt;</b></li> </ul> <p>Submissions close <b>Date TBC</b></p>
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<b>Who's listening?</b>	<p><b>Thomas Vassallo</b></p> <p>Role: <b>Coordinator Community Safety</b></p> <p>Phone: 9526 1111</p> <p>Email: info@sjshire.wa.gov.au</p>
<b>Document library</b>	<i>Dog Local Law 2022 (required)</i> – TBC – Possibly E21/14965

<b>Timeline</b>	<p><b>Consultation open</b></p> <p>Consultation for this project commenced on <b>&lt;insert date&gt;</b> and closes at 5pm, <b>&lt;6 weeks or standard time&gt;</b>.</p> <p><b>Under Review</b></p> <p>Contributions to this consultation are closed for evaluation and review. The project team will report back on key outcomes.</p> <p><b>Final report</b></p>
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	The final outcomes of the consultation are documented here. This may include a summary of all contributions collected as well as recommendations for future action.
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**Photo**

*Communications Team to source photos of local dogs from Bark Park opening*

**PART 3 - SURVEY**

The new proposed Dog Local Law 2022 will replace the Shire's current Local Law- Keeping of Dogs (2004) and be better suited to the communities needs and expectations.

The proposed Dog Local Law 2022 provides the additional requirements for the keeping of dogs:

- dogs are adequately confined by fence, gate, enclosure or other confinement measures
- dogs are not a nuisance
- dogs are prohibited on certain public places
- requirements in dog exercise areas; and
- the requirement to pick up excrement after your dog.

**Q1 After reviewing the new proposed Dog Local Law 2022, do you:**

- Support the proposed Dog Local Law 2022
- Object to the proposed Dog Local Law 2022
- Neither support nor object

**Q2 Please provide any other comments regarding the proposed Dog Local Law 2022.**

**Q3 Please upload a supporting attachment if required. For multiple attachments, please email them to [info@sjshire.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@sjshire.wa.gov.au) citing the reference number.**

**Q5 Please select the following which best describes you:**

- I am a dog owner who lives in the Shire
- I am a dog owner who visits the Shire
  
- I am not a dog owner but I visit public places where there are dogs on-lead and off-lead
- I am interested in the Shire's Dog Local Law 2022



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**Q6 First Name**

**Q7 Last Name**

**Q8 Suburb**

**Q9 How did you find out about this community engagement?**

- Email/eNewsletter
- Social media
- Advert in The Examiner Newspaper
- Poster at local dog park
- Word of mouth
- Your Say SJ website
- Other