



## Local Law No.3 & Subordinate Local Law No.3 (Community Health and Environmental Management) 2011

**Local Law and Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community Health and Environmental Management) 2011** provide the framework to protect community health, safety and amenity and the environmental values of the region.

The local law compliments existing State legislation dealing with pest management, public health and environmental protection.

What is the intent of the local law?

The local law has its focus on reducing the risks and threats presented by—

- pest animals
- noxious plants
- overgrown vegetation
- potentially dangerous or hazardous situations
- noise and litter pollution



How does the local law affect you?

The Local Law places an obligation on all residents to respect the rights of everyone to enjoy what the Sunshine Coast offers, without being compromised by threats to personal health and safety.

### Control of local pests

Pest animals and noxious plants are a threat to the sustainability of the region and therefore mechanisms are available under the local law to reduce the threats they present.

If you suspect a pest animal or plant is on a property, you may contact council to investigate. The local law provides that officers can enter and inspect a property to search for local pests. If detected land owners can be directed to take action to manage the problem.

### Overgrown and unsightly allotments

Overgrown allotments present a number of significant risks to the community including, fuel for fires, vermin, respiratory concerns for asthmatics and visual pollution.

Owners may, on occasion, be directed to remove dangerous objects, loose material or trim overgrown vegetation to minimise the threats they present.

### Community safety standards

Community safety is a high priority for council and land owners or leases may be periodically requested to take remedial action to address a safety hazard. Hazards can include—

- placing of razor wire fencing around a property to which adjoins a public or private place
- barbed wire or electric fencing erected along a boundary adjoining a road or public place



- roof sheeting, guttering or sheet metal that are likely to become airborne in periods of high wind
- wasp nests or bee hives that are likely to give rise to a risk of person injury or property damage
- hole, well or excavation that is abutting a road or other public place and that may present a risk of personal injury or property damage
- a drainage easement that may cause property damage or flooding

### Community amenity

The local law also regulates unsolicited newspapers, advertising material and shopping trolleys deposited or left in a public place.

### Shopping trolleys

Shopping trolleys may not be removed from a shopping centre precinct unless the owner of the shopping trolley has given permission.

Where shopping trolleys are provided it is the responsibility of the shopping trolley owner to ensure that the trolley remains in the shopping centre precinct.

### Noise standards

Noise complaints (i.e. barking dogs etc) will be regulated using *Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2013* not the Environmental Protection Act 1992 as previous.

### Where can I get more information?

A copy of the Sunshine Coast Council local laws and subordinate local laws may be viewed at—

- [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/locallaws](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/locallaws)
- Council's Customer Service Centres
- Libraries
- [www.dlqp.qld.gov.au](http://www.dlqp.qld.gov.au)
- Alternatively, you may wish to contact council by telephoning (07) 54757272 during normal business hours, or alternatively by e-mail at [mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)

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