

Casey Community Local Law – proposed changes on public exhibition

Community engagement summary report
September 2025

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2 Background

This document provides a high-level summary of submissions received during the public exhibition of the proposed Casey Community Local Law 2025.

Round one community engagement was undertaken from 21 April to 1 June 2025 and asked for general feedback on the current Casey Community Local Law. The consultation included:

- Over 1000 survey responses, via online and hard copy surveys.
- A high number of conversations at our 12 x face-to-face pop-ups across the municipality.
- Four x community workshops (both online and face-to-face).
- Door knocking to over 400 homes to seek feedback.

The data collected from this broader engagement was used to inform the proposed Casey Community Local Law 2025. The proposed Casey Community Local Law 2025 was then put up for public exhibition over a four-week period where community members were invited to share feedback on the proposed changes.

The public exhibition period ran from 21 August to 18 September 2025. During this time Council received 74 submissions. There was also an opportunity to provide additional feedback through an open-text comment box.

2.1 Key findings

The 74 submissions received during the public exhibition period included a balance of supportive, neutral and non-supportive responses.

Many of the submissions focused on Waste, Enforcement, Temporary Dwellings, Vehicles and Machinery, and Shipping Containers.

2.2 Next steps

Council officers will review community feedback and collate to present to Councillors at its October Council Meeting.

Submitters who requested to speak to their submission at the October Council Meeting will be contacted and provided details on how that can be made possible.

Council will consider the adoption of the new Casey Community Local Law 2025 at its December 2025 Council Meeting.

3 Consultation overview

3.1 Consultation purpose

The public exhibition of the proposed Casey Community Local Law 2025 provides the community with the opportunity to view the document and provide their feedback for consideration before it is considered for adoption by Council.

3.2 Consultation process

The tools and techniques selected for this project were informed by the project content, stakeholders and type of feedback sought.

Key tools for communicating the project

- Emails to key stakeholders
- Social media
- Local media

Key methods for gathering feedback

- Online engagement through Casey Conversations, including opportunity to provide feedback via submission form.
- Contact email address and phone number of Council Officer provided for interested community members to ask for further information or provide feedback.
- Printed information available, as required.

Details	Activity
21 August – 18 September 2025 2773 visitors 70 submissions	Casey Conversations Website Project information and online survey hosted on the engagement platform Casey Conversations.
21 August – 18 September 2025 4 submissions	Emailed submission Two (3) submissions were received via email to CaseyCC email address and one (1) via Councillor email.

4 Who we heard from

Number of Submissions by Suburb on Casey Conversations

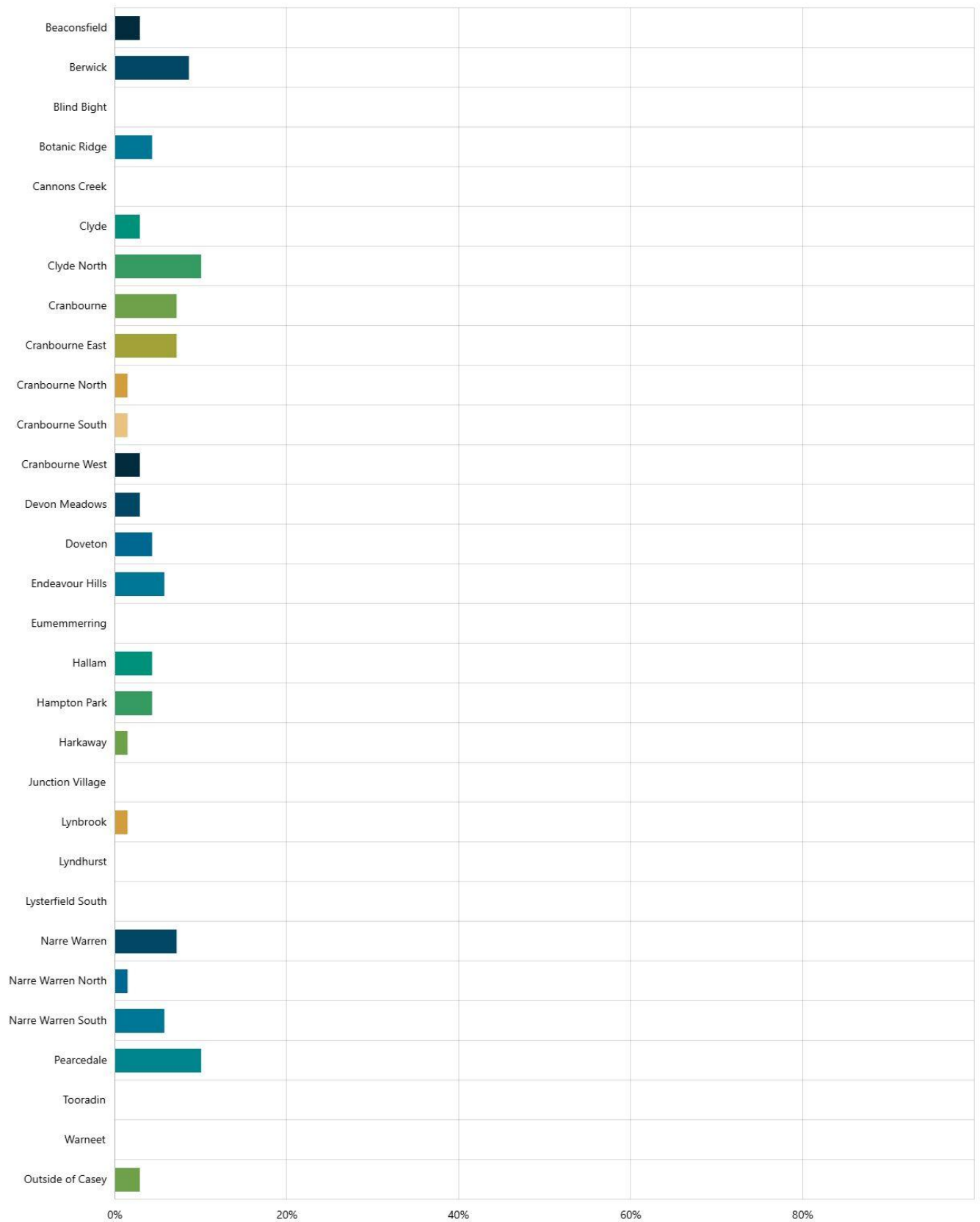
We received 74 submissions during the public exhibition period, from 21 August to 18 September 2025.

Method	Amount
Casey Conversations submission tool	70
Email to City of Casey	3
Email to Councillor	1
Total	74

The majority number of submitters were from Pearcedale (7 submissions/10%), Clyde North (7 submissions/10%), Berwick (6 submissions/8.57%), Narre Warren (5 submissions/7.14%) and Cranbourne (5 submissions/7.14%).

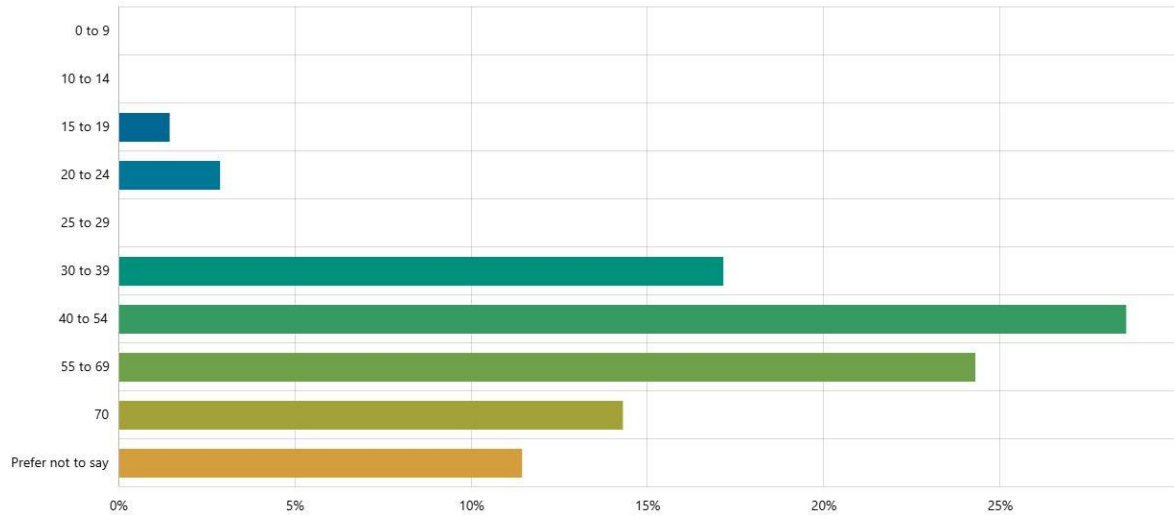
Community in most suburbs of Casey provided feedback except Blind Bight, Cannons Creek, Eumemmering, Junction Village, Lyndhurst, Lysterfield South, Tooradin and Warneet.

See chart below.



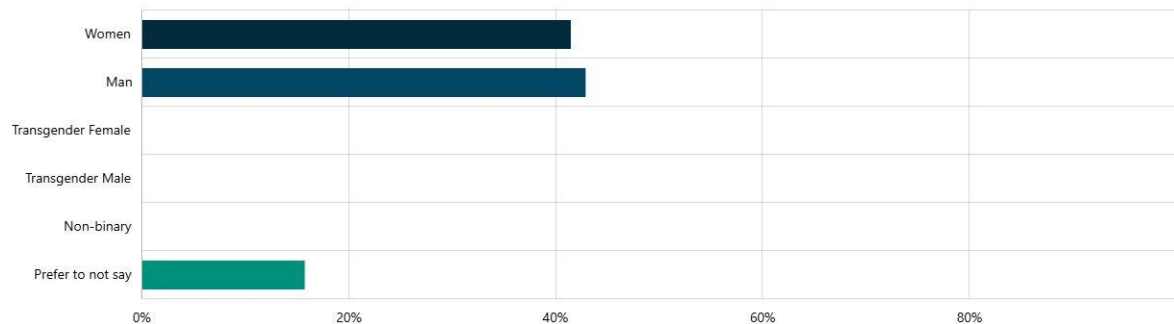
Age of Submission Respondents

Submitters were asked to provide their age. Children were underrepresented in the submission, although we did receive submissions from people ranging from 15 to 70+ with a notable age group missing between 25 to 29 years.



Gender of Submitters

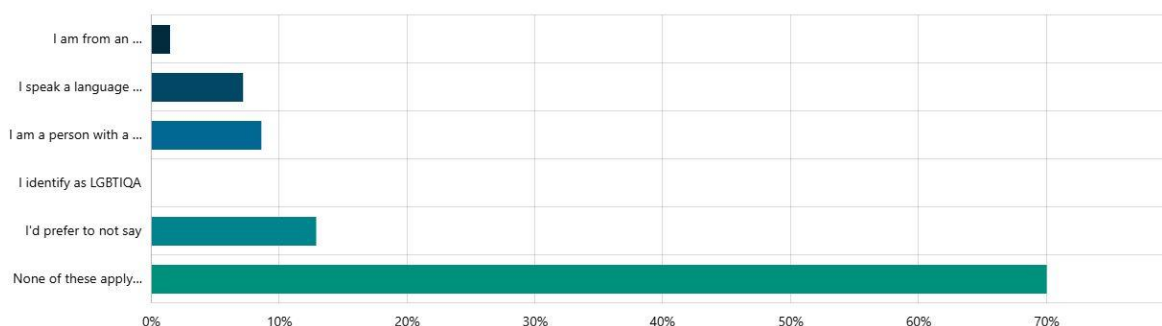
Community members that made a submission were asked to provide their gender. We heard from 30 men (42.86%), 29 women (41.43%) and 11 (15.17%) preferred not to say, during the open consultation.



Further Demographics of Submitters

Submitters were asked to tick as many statements as possible that apply to them. The graph below shows their responses.

Selection	Amount
I am from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background	1
I speak a language other than English at home	5
I am a person with a disability	6
I identify as LGBTIQA	0
Prefer to not say	9
None of these apply to me	49



5 Consultation findings

The following section summarises the key themes which arose during the consultation. In the interest of stakeholder and community privacy, individual quotes have not been included within this public document. Where there was more than one mention of a topic or item, the number of mentions has been specified in brackets and italics.

5.1 Support for actions

Submitters were asked to share if they had any further feedback on the proposed changes to the proposed Community Local Law 2025.

There were 26 mentions from submitters, thanking Council for speaking with the community and commending their balanced approach to the Casey Community Local Law.

5.2 Item-specific feedback

The following summary reflects the range of community feedback received on the proposed Casey Community Local Law 2025, grouped into supportive, neutral, and non-supportive sentiment to help illustrate the diversity of views shared.

Top Five Parts Mentioned by Community

1. **Part 14: Enforcement** – 13 Mentions
2. **Part 8: Waste** – 12 Mentions
3. **Part 5: Your Property: Clause 28 Temporary Dwellings** – 12 Mentions
4. **Part 5: Your Property: Clause 28: Vehicles & Machinery** – 10 Mentions
5. **Part 5: Your Property: Clause 23 Shipping Containers** – 8 Mentions

Part: Clause	Supportive	Neutral	Not Supportive
Part 1 - Preliminary (1 Mention)		(1 mention) Unnecessary duplication of the timing of the Local Law.	
Part 2 - Definitions (4 Mentions)			(4 mentions) Some definitions are unclear and potentially

			inconsistent with legislation
Part 3 - Your Animals (5 Mentions)	(1 mention) Supportive of document.	(2 mentions) Include lambs and goats in animal numbers.	(2 mentions) Include law to not feed birds in public places. Reduce animal numbers for smaller blocks.
Part 5: Your Property: Clause 18: Unsightly Land (1 Mention)			(1 mention) Clarity for the term 'excessive' when dealing with unsightly land. Suggested difference for smaller vs larger blocks.
Part 5: Your Property: Lighting (1 Mention)			(1 mention) Residents generally support the intent of the proposed clauses on unsightly land and obtrusive lighting, but express concern about inconsistent enforcement. Poorly maintained properties—especially those near schools—continue to impact local amenity despite complaints, and outdoor lighting left on during early hours is causing disruption. The community is calling for clearer enforcement standards and more proactive action from Council.
Part 5: Your Property: Clause 20: Dilapidated Buildings			(1 mention) Unnecessary duplication of this clause.

(1 Mention)			
Part 5: Your Property: Clause 23 Shipping Containers (8 Mentions)	(1 mention) Support clause change. Clearer guidance for semi-rural properties where amenity is not impacted and proximity to dwellings.		(7 mentions) Community feedback on shipping containers highlights the need for clearer, fairer regulations, especially for residents on properties under four hectares in semi-rural areas. Many support permit exemptions based on reasonable conditions like boundary distance or longer permit durations, while others call for consistent enforcement and clearer alignment with the Casey Planning Scheme. Concerns were raised about vague terminology and inconsistent zoning references, which may lead to confusion and unequal treatment across the municipality.
Part 5: Your Property: Clause 25 - Property Numbers (1 Mention)		(1 mention) Clarification on normal lighting conditions for number lighting.	
Part 5: Your Property: Clause 28 Temporary Dwellings (12 Mentions)	(1 mention) Supportive of proposed clause change	(2 mentions) Supportive of change, yet would like some consideration for block sizes.	(9 mentions) Community feedback on temporary dwellings reflects a divide between

			those seeking more flexibility—especially during housing and mental health crises—and those concerned about potential misuse, neighbourhood amenity, and visual impact in densely populated areas.
Part 5: Your Property: Clause 28: Vehicles & Machinery (10 Mentions)	(4 mentions) Support the removal of the clause requiring a permit to repair, service, or store unregistered vehicles on private property, viewing it as a common-sense change that respects residents' rights. Feedback also highlights the need for clearer definitions of terms like “amenity” and “unsightly” to ensure fair and consistent interpretation across different property types and neighbourhoods.		(6 mentions) Community views on vehicle maintenance and storage on private property are divided. While many residents support the removal of permit requirements as a practical and fair change, others are concerned about the potential for increased noise, pollution, and visual clutter, particularly in residential areas. There is a strong call for clearer definitions of “unsightly” and for transparent criteria to guide enforcement, ensuring that the law is applied consistently and does not negatively impact neighbourhood amenity.
Part 5: Your Property: Heavy and Overlength Vehicles (1 Mention)			(1 mention) Request no permit if no impact on residential areas. Clarification

			required for residential areas
Part 5: Your Property: Clause 29: Recreational Vehicles (7 Mentions)	(1 mention) Support removal of clause.	(1 mention) Clarify definition and permit requirements ensuring consistency with EPA)	(5 mentions) Community views on recreational vehicles are mixed, with some residents supporting relaxed use on private land under noise-based time restrictions, while others—particularly in rural and Green Wedge areas—strongly oppose the removal of permit requirements due to concerns about excessive noise, safety risks, and the potential for misuse. Many feel that EPA noise rules are not adequately enforced and worry about the impact on neighbours, animals, and local amenity.
Part 6: Council Land and Roads: Nature Strips (5 Mentions)		(2 mentions) Support for changes. No clear guidance of street parking which may encourage nature strip parking	(3 mentions) Allow residents to plant food gardens without a permit. Hazards with parking on nature strips for those using mobility aids.
Part 7: Vehicles in Public Places (1 Mention)			(1 mention) Include boats, trailers and caravans on public roads.
Part 7: Clause 45 Behaviour involving vehicle (3 Mentions)		Anti-idling clause suggested.	(3 mentions) Noise regulation to match EPA. Clarification required on Hoon

			Laws removed.
Part 8: Waste (12 Mentions)	(6 mentions) Many residents support the proposed changes to domestic waste management, including the removal of the 24-hour bin clause and the lifting of the ban on fossicking through hard rubbish, viewing these as positive steps toward flexibility and sustainability. However, concerns remain about visual clutter in high-density areas, the potential for illegal dumping, and the lack of enforcement around mess left behind after fossicking. There is also a call for clearer rules around bin access and privacy, particularly regarding recycling bins.		(6 mentions) Community feedback on waste management and hard rubbish collection reflects mixed views. While some residents support initiatives like encouraging reuse through fossicking and removing permit requirements for bin placement, others are concerned about visual clutter, environmental risks, and lack of enforcement—particularly in high-density areas. There is strong support for maintaining clear timeframes for bin placement and removal, stricter penalties for illegal dumping, and clearer definitions around waste visibility and lighting standards to ensure fair and consistent compliance.
Part 9: Fire: Clause 50 Open Air Burning (3 Mentions)	(1 mention) Support for clause, also concerned for asthmatics.		(2 mentions) There is support for stronger smoke nuisance laws, particularly in high-density areas where outdoor burning can significantly impact neighbours' health and comfort. While the intent of the law is welcomed,

			concerns remain about enforcement and clarity—especially regarding frequent backyard fires and the need to include garden waste and tree stump burning in the regulation. The community seeks clearer guidelines and more proactive monitoring to prevent ongoing disruptions. Request for Hoon Law to remain unchanged.
Part 10: Business and Trading: Signs and Display for sale (1 Mention)			(1 mention) Remove need for permit for displays out the front of shops.
Part 10: Business and Trading: Clause 57 Aerosol Cans (1 Mention)			(1 mention) Employee selling paint to be 18 years align with purchaser.
Part 11: Clause 61 Smoking and alcohol (1 Mention)			(1 mention) Allow moderate consumption of alcohol in public spaces.
Part 13: Administration (1 Mention)		(1 mention) Guidance required on when verbal submissions are 'applicable'.	
Part 14: Enforcement (13 Mentions)		(1 mentions) Clarity required on authorised officers powers.	(12 mentions) Community members expressed strong concern about the powers granted to Council Authorised

			Officers, particularly regarding entry onto private property. Many believe access should only be permitted with a magistrate-issued warrant, aligning with standards applied to police and debt collectors. Sub-law 74(b) was flagged as overly broad and potentially inconsistent with the Local Government Act. Residents are seeking clearer communication, stronger safeguards, and fair enforcement—especially on properties with livestock or safety risks.
Exemptions (1 Mention)			(1 mention) Submitter encourages Council to clearly define the scope and limitations of these powers or specify particular circumstances under which such authority may be exercised.