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CHANGES TO PARKING LAWS FOR BOAT TRAILERS

Welcome

Welcome to the City of Ryde's Community Information and Feedback Session for the Changes to Parking Laws for Boat Trailers proposal.

At today's event we are displaying information about the proposed changes to parking laws for boat trailers within City of Ryde.

Councils must opt-in to enforce the laws. In other words, these laws will not automatically apply in every part of NSW. Councils are required to consult with their communities and then determine whether to not to enforce the new boat parking laws.



Representatives from City of Ryde are here today to talk with you and answer questions you may have about information on display.

There is also an opportunity to fill out a feedback form and leave it with us today.

Thank you for your interest in the project.

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Background

NSW recently made changes to the Impounding Act, 1993, relating to on-street parking for boat trailers.

These new laws came into force in NSW on 1 July 2016.

The new boat laws are called the Impounding Act 1993 No. 31.

The changes were developed to:

- Discourage the nuisance caused by the long term parking of unattended registered boat trailers on public roads, often by people who do not live in the local area;
- Encourage the off-street storage of boat trailers; and
- Free up on-street parking spaces for local residents.

These proposed new Boat Trailer Parking Laws allow Councils and impounding authorities to take action against boat trailers parked in the same spot on a residential street for more than 28 days.



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What is proposed for the City of Ryde?

These new laws do not automatically apply in every part of NSW. The Office of Local Government (OLG) has stipulated that Councils are required to consult with their communities and then determine whether or not to enforce the new boat parking laws. City of Ryde invites the community to 'Have Your Say' throughout the month of May 2017.



If the City of Ryde community supports implementing the new Boat Laws after the consultation period, a report would be submitted to Council. The report would request Council to take a formal position on the new boat laws.



Should Council formally adopt the position to implement the Boat Law changes, Council would need to submit a request to the Office of Local Government (OLG) to have the whole of the City of Ryde Municipality gazetted as a "Declared Area" for the purposes of the Impounding Amendment (Unattended Boat Trailers) Act 2015.



Once this has been gazetted, a Public Notice Period will be provided prior to implementation.



If the new Boat Laws are implemented in the City of Ryde, Council would be able to undertake the process to ensure a boat that is parked in the same spot for more than 28 days is moved.



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How will this affect me?

If the new laws are applied, in line with the Impounding Act 1993 No. 31, boat trailers can be parked on the road, but must:

- a) “move at least every 28 days (or other such period as is specified by the regulations)” if the boat trailer is parked in a Declared Area;
- b) move from the parked location by “passing an intersection with another road”; and
- c) park on another road.

What would Council do if a boat trailer was parked in the same spot in a residential area for more than 28 days?

Council would investigate the matter, attempt to make contact with the owner, advise the owner of the Boat Trailer Laws and request the trailer be moved from its position within 28 days to another location. If it is moved Council has the power to impound boat trailers.

How can I tell Council what I think?



Have
YOUR SAY

Community members can have their say and tell Council whether they support the implementation of Boat Law changes that will allow Council and impounding authorities to take action against boat trailers that are parked in the same spot on a residential street for more than 28 days by:

- Completing an online survey; or
- Attending a Drop in Session.