

# Local Law Amendments – Bathing Reserves 2015

The City of Gold Coast (City) is responsible for protecting the public safety, convenience and amenity of the bathing reserves by regulating conduct and commercial activities within bathing reserves. This includes restricting the economic scope of commercial activities and ensuring public access and enjoyment of the bathing reserves. In support of the Ocean Beaches Strategy 2013-2023 and the Commercial Activities on Ocean Beaches Management Plan, the local laws managing the City's bathing reserves is being amended.

The following amendments have recently been proposed to the local law:

- provide for excluded bathing reserves where permitted businesses are not permitted;
- specifically provide for sporting club training activities (e.g. football club swim and run session) to continue to operate without a permit;
- clarify the ability of authorised persons to allow the use of aquatic equipment within a bathing area in special circumstances where it may not otherwise be allowed;
- provide criteria to limit the frequency of regulated activities at the same location in order to provide time for scheduled and emergent maintenance of the beaches and dunes;
- clarify an authorised person's powers to seize a vessel in specific circumstances;
- remove duplication of terminology;
- create a head of power for the subordinate local law to specify details around permitted business, excluded bathing reserves, prohibited permitted business, prohibited regulated activities and prescribed criteria for certain regulated activities;
- create transitional provisions for regulated activities where Council resolves that the business is a prohibited permitted business or a prohibited regulated activity

The following amendments have recently been proposed to the subordinate local law:

- prohibit fitness equipment, commercial fitness activities and busking within a bathing reserve;
- provide prescribed criteria so that businesses operating a 'delivery of food' and 'delivery of hired beach equipment' do not require a permit;
- clarify the range of business activities that are allowed and/or require a permit within a bathing reserve;
- provide that businesses operating as a 'marriage celebrant' and 'wedding photographer' operating under a 'bride and groom marriage ceremony permit' do not require a separate permit;
- remove authorised person's powers for SLSQ club patrol members other than for patrol captains. SLSQ support this amendment

**For further information on the local law amendments, review the following documents:**

- *Bathing Reserves (Amendment) Local Law (No. 1) 2015* (the proposed local law)
- *Bathing Reserves (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2015* (the proposed subordinate local law)
- Public Interest Test Plan
- Consultation notification.

**To have your say about the proposed amendments:**

- Complete this form which can be:
- Scanned and emailed to [gchaveyoursay@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:gchaveyoursay@goldcoast.qld.gov.au),
- Posted to Chief Executive Officer, City of Gold Coast, PO Box 5042 QLD 9729
- Delivered in person to a Customer Service Counter at:
  - Nerang - [833 Southport Nerang Road, Nerang](#)
  - Surfers Paradise - [135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise](#)

**Hard copies of submission forms and associated documents are also available at City of Gold Coast Customer Service Centres at the above locations.**

**Community engagement runs from Sunday 15 November 2015 to Monday 7 December 2015**



