



MERRI-BEK CITY COUNCIL
GENERAL (AMENDMENT) LOCAL LAW 2025
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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

1. Title

This Local Law will be known as the General (Amendment) Local Law 2025.

2. Purpose of this Local Law

The purpose of this Local Law is to amend Council's General Local Law 2018 by revising the regulation of:

- a. feeding of birds on private property; and
- b. feeding of birds on public land.

3. Authorising provision

This Local Law is made under section 71 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

4. Operation date

This Local Law operates from the day after the day upon which it is made by Council.

5. Revocation

Unless sooner revoked, this Local Law ceases to operate on the same day on which Council's General Local Law 2018 ceases to operate.

6. Application

This Local Law applies and has operation throughout the whole of the Council's municipal district.

7. Interpretation

In this Local Law, unless the contrary intention appears:

"Council" means Merri-bek City Council including its former name, Moreland City Council.

"General Local Law" means Council's General Local Law 2018.

PART 2

AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL LOCAL LAW

8. Amendments to the General Local Law

8.1 Immediately after clause 5.13 of the General Local Law insert:

Feeding of birds on *private property*

5.14 An occupier of *private property* must not:

- (a) feed or continue to feed; or
- (b) allow or cause to be fed,

any bird on that *private property* if:
 - i. that bird is not ordinarily kept on the *private property*; and
 - ii. the circumstances in which the bird is fed are likely to or do interfere with the material comfort of any other person or with a person's use and enjoyment of land they own or occupy.

Clause 5.14 does not apply to any bird that is feeding on any vegetation growing or that has grown on the *private property*.

Power of *Authorised Officers* – feeding of birds on public land

5.15 An *Authorised Officer* may direct a person on any *road, public place* or *Council land* not to:

- (a) feed or continue to feed; or
- (b) allow or cause to be fed,

any bird on that *road, public place* or *Council land*.

5.16 A person to whom a direction is given by an *Authorised Officer* under Clause 5.15 must comply with that direction.

8.2 In clause 1.10 of the General Local Law, immediately after the definition of "*prescribe*" insert:

Private property means land other than *Council land* and land occupied, managed or controlled by a public authority.

8.3 In the table in Schedule 1 to the General Local Law, immediately after the penalty fixed for "5.13 Conduct a commercial enterprise without a permit" insert:

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5.16	Failure to comply with a direction given by an <i>Authorised Officer</i> under clause 5.15.	3.5
