Fencing Amendment Local Law 2026

Tabled Submission Report

City of Melville
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This report summarises public submissions received on the proposed Fencing Amendment Local Law 2026 and tables de-identified submission comments for Council consideration.

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Summary

The City of Melville undertook public advertising for the proposed Fencing Amendment Local Law 2026 from 20 May 2026 to 30 July 2026 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA).

The proposed amendment local law seeks to amend the City of Melville Fencing Local Law 2025 by providing clarity on requirements for “sight triangles” under subclause 3.1(2) and ensuring the local law remains compliant with requirements of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

This report provides a summary of the engagement undertaken, participation outcomes, key themes raised in submissions and tabled submissions to inform Council’s consideration of the proposed Fencing Amendment Local Law 2026.

Participation

All submissions received were made through the online submission form. Other submission pathways were available, including written, in-person and phone submissions.

Submission method	Number
Online form	4
Phone submission	0
Hard copy submission	0
Email	0

Communication and reach

Channel	Information	Results
Website	Local and Statewide Public Notices page and Melville Talks engagement page	Published 20 May 2026 to 30 July 2026 1,183 combined views
eNewsletter	Melville Matters and Melville Talks	Combined subscribers: 18,760
Social media	Facebook	Reach 8,670
Newspaper	PerthNow Melville and Melville Herald	Combined distribution: 36,510
Public notice display	Civic Centre, City libraries and recreation centre notice boards	Displayed during public consultation period
Direct email	Previously engaged participants and Melville Sounding Board	Combined emails issued: 242

Consultation findings

Level of support	Number	Percentage
Support the amendments	0	0.0%
Object the amendments	1	25.0%
Neither support or object the amendments	3	75.0%
Total	4	100.0%

Tabled comments

The following comments are presented as submitted, with identifiable personal information removed and replaced with [removed].

No.	Level of support	Submission comment	Officer response	Proposed action
1	Object the amendments	The part of the clause referred to above should be more explicit and read as follows; ……must either comply with the relevant Local Planning Policy LPP 1.6 Parking and Access or Residential Design Codes…….LPP 1.6 Parking and Access is explicit in providing requirements for Pedestrian Safety at vehicle access points. Residents, builders, and developers should be provided with the location of the critical Pedestrian Safety information in LPP 1.6 up front, rather than have to hunt for it due to the proposed generalised statement not including reference to LPP 1.6. This will help to avoid deficient and unsafe construction which may go undetected until a tragic event occurs at a vehicle access point.	Feedback noted. Local planning policies are reviewed regularly and may change over time. Including the specific number and title of a planning policy in the clause could mean that the clause becomes outdated if that policy changes, is replaced, or if additional planning policies become relevant to the local law.	No change proposed.
2	Neither support or object the amendments	When I click on the link to see the changes, I get a page not found error. Fix the web page so we can find out more.	Webpage was amended following the submission and the customer was contacted to advise. Customer was invited to make another submission once they had reviewed the updated link.	No change proposed.
3	Neither support or object the amendments	The link on this page referenced by button `FENCING AMENDMENT LOCAL LAW 2026` does not exist. Its hard to have an opinion without being able to read the changes	As above	No change proposed.
4	Neither support or object the amendments	Huge Lilly Pillie Trees on fence line on other owner property -- over hanging and dropping crap into swimming pool what should I have to pay 2 x a year to keeping cutting it back from over my side this situation the owner of the trees should Pay its costing me a $1000 per year to under control long tree hedge of 30 meters	This feedback is acknowledged and will be noted. It does not relate to the proposed amendments currently being considered as part of the Fencing Amendment Local Law 2026.	No change proposed.