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## Proposed Land & Recreational Facilities By-law

The Huon Valley Council intends to update the Council Land and Recreational Facilities By-law, with **By-law No. 1 of 2017**.

The purpose of the updated By-law is for the control and management of council land and recreational facilities.

As part of providing service to the community and for its administrative operations the Huon Valley Council owns and manages land for specific purposes, vacant land, parks, reserves, open space, halls, sport centres, other buildings, walking tracks, swimming pools, boat ramps and jetties throughout the municipal area.

Council also holds land providing for other services such as waste management facilities, roads, medical centres, independent living units and visitor information centres and for other identified strategic purposes which may include for future economic development opportunities.

Council recognises that it is important to involve the community in the development or management of Council assets and to that extent the Council has a number of Hall or Park Area Management Committees that are responsible for the day to day running and hiring out of those facilities.

Council also has a number of Advisory Committees in relation to specific areas for their future development such as the Burton's Reserve Advisory Committee, Ranelagh Recreation Area Management Advisory Committee, Huonville Recreational Area Management Advisory Committee and the Marine Facilities Development Advisory Committee.



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Council has a responsibility to provide suitable controls that ensure acceptable order, safety, amenity, public health and environmental standards are maintained in using Council land and recreational facilities and to then also ensure that those controls are enforced.

If no regulatory controls are in place then individuals will determine their own standards and this will in turn lead to an immediate or progressive reduction in public order, acceptable safety, amenity, public health and environmental standards. Such an approach would create considerable uncertainty and ambiguity.

The Council therefore considers it appropriate to make a By-law to address these matters.

A copy of the proposed By-law and the Regulatory Impact Statement may be viewed on the Council website at [www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au](http://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au) and is available for inspection at, and for no cost from, the Council's Customer Service Centre, 40 Main Street, Huonville.

Submissions in respect of the proposed By-law and the Regulatory Impact Statement stating the grounds of the submission and the facts relied on in support of those grounds, may be made in writing addressed to the **General Manager, Huon Valley Council, PO Box 210, Huonville, 7109** or by email [hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au](mailto:hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au) or by facsimile to **03 6264 0399**, and to be received by the Council no later than Wednesday 29 March 2017.

The Huon Valley Council will take into consideration all submissions properly made to it during the public comment period.

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