

By-law No. 8 – Mid Murray Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2025

Submissions Summary Report

November 2025

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Introduction

On 24 September 2025 Council publicly notified the By-law No. 8 – Mid Murray Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2025 and invited submissions (See **Appendices 1 – 3**).

Three (3) submissions were received at the close of the engagement period.

Council prepares a Submissions Summary Report. Council's summary essentially lists the main points made by each submitter, and what outcome they seek from Council's decisions. All non-confidential submissions are available in **Appendix 4**.

Where amendments have been sought by a submitter, red underlined text has been used to indicate recommended additions to the provision and red strikethrough to indicate recommendations for the removal of the proposed text.

It should be noted that the Response and Action columns are draft recommendations presented to Council as part of the decision-making process. Consequently, Council may resolve to accept them with or without amendments in the final document.

Privacy

Please note that only the name and location of each submitter is detailed in the report. All personal details in the original submission contained in the appendices are redacted to maintain privacy.

Any commentary that is considered defamatory or inappropriate have been redacted.

Submission Summary and Response

Gavin, Blanchetown

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
1.1	General	Calls for effective cat management in the Council district, highlighting the area's environmental sensitivity and the lack of appropriate measures.	Recommends cat containment, mandatory desexing, microchipping, and registration for all cat owners.	Noted	No amendment.

Alicia Dahlitz, Blanchetown

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2.1	General	Collars are not a reliable form of identification as they can be lost.	Recommends using microchip and DACO registration checks for identification instead.	Noted	No amendment.

Rebecca Fettke, Morgan

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
3.1	General	Agrees with proposed By-law. Cats should be identified immediately by a collar and tag.	Nil	Noted	No amendment.

3.2	General	Feral cats need to be culled. This will make it a lot easier to identify feral cats without the possibility of being injured by one.	Nil	Noted	No amendment.
3.3	General	Owners must be held accountable and responsible if they wish to have cats.	Nil	Noted	No amendment.

Appendix

Appendix 1 – Public Notice



Council is currently seeking feedback on the following:

By-law No. 8 – Mid Murray Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2025

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Consultation begins on Wednesday 24 September 2025.

Where to obtain copies

A copy of the draft Amendment By-law is available for inspection on Council's Your Say www.engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au or at Council Offices located at Mannum, Cambrai, Morgan or Blanchetown.

How to provide feedback

Written submissions are invited on the draft Amendment By-law and can be received through the following means:

- Mid Murray Your Say feedback form www.engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au;
- Letter addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Mid Murray Council, PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238; or
- Email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Submissions will be received until 5pm Friday 17 October 2025.

For more information, contact Executive Assistant – Development and Community Services, Melissa Marschall on 8569 0100.

Ben Scales
Chief Executive Officer

Appendix 2 – Social Media Posts

Posts published on 25 September 2025 and 13 October 2025

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Council has released the proposed By-law and is inviting feedback from the community.

To view proposed By-law No. 8 and to provide feedback, please visit Council's Your Say page at <https://engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/>

Consultation closes at 5pm Friday 17 October 2025.



Appendix 3 – Email to Subscribers

From: MMC Communications
Sent: Wednesday, 24 September 2025 10:29 AM
Subject: Public Consultation - By-law No. 8 - Mid Murray Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2025

Dear Mid Murray Council subscriber,

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Appendix 4 – Submissions

Mid Murray Your Say

Feedback Form - By-law 8 Results

Sep 24, 2025 - Sep 25, 2025

Project: By-law No. 8 Mid Murray Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2025

Form: Feedback Form - By-law 8

Tool Type: Form

Activity ID: 29

Exported: 2025-10-20 08:46:38

Exported By: NVivian

Filter By: No filters applied.

Response No:
1

Contribution ID: 189

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Sep 25, 2025, 06:58 PM

Q1 First and Last Name

Short Text gavin

Q2 Suburb

Short Text blanchetown

Q3 Email

Email

Q4 Would you like to make any comments for Council to consider in relation to By-law No. 8 – Mid Murray Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2025?

Long Text

There is no true cat management by the MMC to this day . Yet the MMC district falls in a very environmentally sensitive area and it has never been properly addressed as such. It is well overdue to bring in cat containment { not to be found wandering outside of ones property} / desexing / microchipping and registrations for all cat owners. The time is now.

Response No:
2

Contribution ID: 187

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Sep 25, 2025, 05:16 PM

Q1 First and Last Name

Short Text

Alicia Dahlitz

Q2 Suburb

Short Text

Blanchetown

Q3 Email

Email

[REDACTED]

Q4 Would you like to make any comments for Council to consider in relation to By-law No. 8 – Mid Murray Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2025?

Long Text

I personally have 2 cats that are indoor / cat run cats that are desexed, microchipped and registered. They both wear a collar but do not have our details on their collars because it's highly unlikely they will ever be off our property. Cats are notorious for getting their collars off/stuck if they escape so I don't think that should be the only way they can be identified. I think microchips need to be checked as well as checking DACO for registration details.

Response No:
3

Contribution ID: 166

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Sep 24, 2025, 10:41 AM

Q1 First and Last Name

Short Text Rebecca Fettke

Q2 Suburb

Short Text Morgan

Q3 Email

Email

Q4 Would you like to make any comments for Council to consider in relation to By-law No. 8 – Mid Murray Council (Miscellaneous) Amendment By-law 2025?

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I agree with this. Cats should be identified immediately by a collar and tag.
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And owners must be held accountable and responsible if they wish to have cats.