

Penalty Units Local Law – Public submission summary

No.	Submission received	Officer's response	Amended – Y/N
1	<p>I support but have some concerns</p> <p>Penalty for pruning/vandalising/removing a street/park tree in the Town should directly relate to the Helliwell value of the tree and the cost of remediation/replacement & maintenance for three years; as per Policy 255 Tree Management</p>	<p>This local law does not deal with individual offenses or the individual penalty value for a breach of a particular law, only the value of a penalty unit for an infringement.</p> <p>This matter can be considered during the next review of the relevant local law.</p>	N
2	<p>I oppose</p> <p>Not happy with this proposal as it will make it harder for people to know what the offence fine will be for each different council, also I believe the penalty points will be CPI increased, will there be a max amount of a fine for when the CPI goes up due to a higher inflation, or what happens when there is a negative CPI number. How much will this cost to implement ?</p>	<p>It is intended that the penalty units be increased or decreased due to changes in the value of the consumer price index from 1 July 2022. This will be subject to an amendment local law annually which will be subject to mandatory public consultation and considered at two separate council meetings.</p> <p>As per the Local Government Act 1995, the maximum amount for an infringement is \$500.</p> <p>If CPI is negative, the penalty unit should be proposed for a decrease.</p> <p>There is no cost associated with the implementation of this local law. However as other local laws are changed infringements need to be updated in the Town's infringement system. This would happen however if any change occurred to a local laws prescribed offences.</p>	N
3	<p>I support.</p>	<p>Acknowledged.</p>	N