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SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION ACT 1989

Proposed Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Regulation 2022

Invitation to comment

Notice is hereby given, under section 5(2)(a) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*, of the release of a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for public comment to assist in the development of the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Regulation 2022* (the proposed regulation).

The proposed regulation will provide the regulatory framework needed to support the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021* (PSUP Act) which was assented to on 29 November 2021. The PSUP Act will repeal and replace the *Impounding Act 1993* and will commence on a date appointed by proclamation. It aims to help protect valuable public spaces across NSW from unattended items and animals. Further information on the PSUP Act can be found on the website of the Office of Local Government, Department of Planning and Environment at www.olg.nsw.gov.au.

The RIS examines the policy encompassed by the PSUP Act and the proposed regulation. The RIS sets out the matters that are proposed to be included in the proposed regulation. These include proposed penalty amounts, notice periods and risk-based timeframes which those responsible for unattended property in public must meet, supported by a cost benefit analysis.

The Office of Local Government is seeking submissions on the RIS and proposed regulatory framework. The RIS, a RIS Consultation Guide of key regulatory proposals, an online Submission Form and information about other ways to make a submission can be accessed at www.olg.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions may be made by email to olg@olg.nsw.gov.au or by mail to Office of Local Government, PSUP RIS Consultation, Locked Bag 3015, Nowra NSW 2541 or via the NSW Government 'Have Your Say' website www.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say.

Submissions will be accepted until the end of the day on Monday 3 August 2022.