

Regulatory Priorities Statement 2025-2026 Engagement Summary



Between 29 May and 26 June 2025 Central Coast Council sought community feedback on the draft Regulatory Priorities Statement 2025/2026.

The statement is designed to inform the community on what Council's regulatory priorities will be for the 2025/2026 financial year. The five priority areas will receive increased oversight, and an increased regulatory response may be applied.

The five priority areas proposed in the draft were:

- Illegal camping in parks, reserves, and carpark
- Illegal land clearing
- Encroachments onto public land
- Waste dumping and unlawful waste activities
- Food safety repeat offenders (businesses)

Council sought community feedback on the statement to ensure regulatory issues that are important to the community have been appropriately considered in the development of the statement.

Options to provide feedback included:

- Completing the online submission form
- Writing to Council via email or post

Engagement Results

When asked how important the proposed priorities were to respondents, **illegal waste dumping** was most consistently rated as **very important** (77%), followed by **illegal land clearing** (62%) and **encroachment on public land** (53%).

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A total of **60** online submissions and **3** written submissions received



The statement was downloaded **66** times



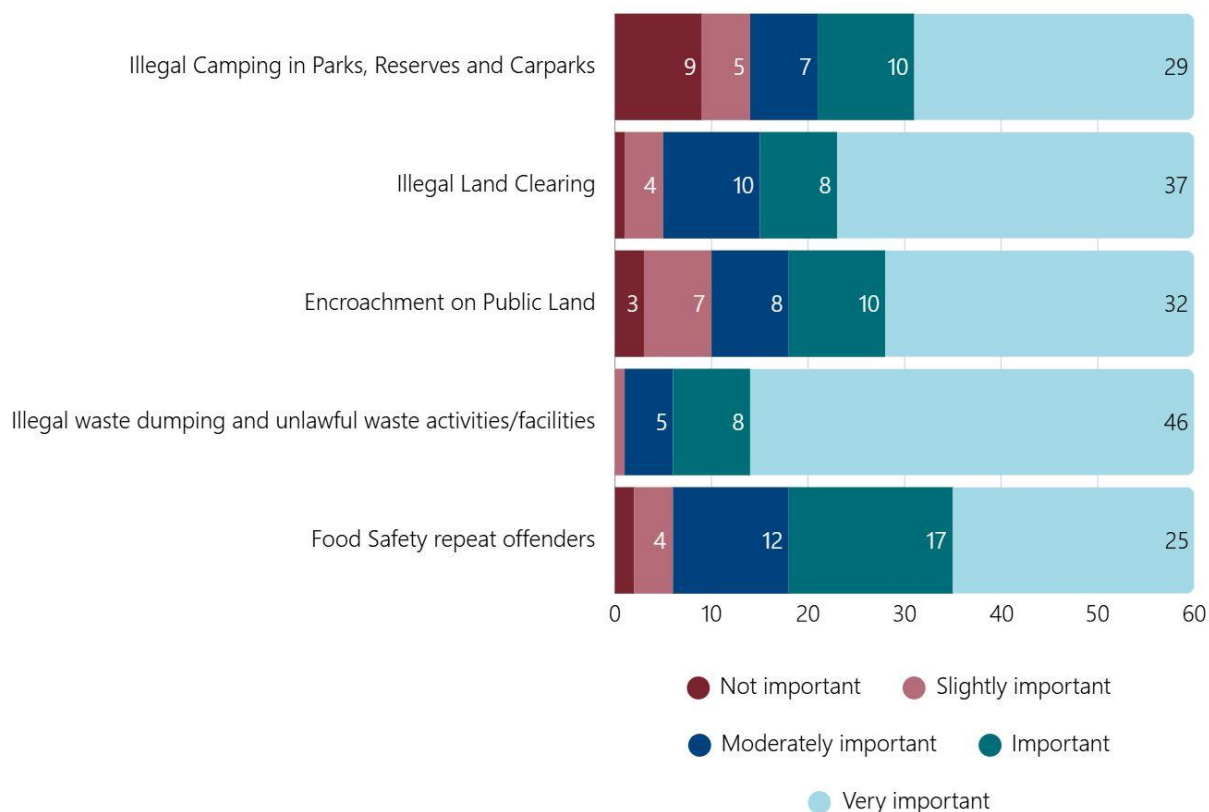
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Key themes

- Many respondents were **supportive of the intent of the statement and the priorities identified**. When asked to provide their comments, **43** respondents specifically noted support for one or more of the priorities. Respondents encouraged action on these priorities to protect the environment and improve community safety.
- Illegal camping in parks, reserves and carparks** was the most discussed priority area, with strong opinions both for and against enforcement. **22** respondents specifically expressed support for increased enforcement, noting the perceived impact of illegal camping on amenity, safety and access to public spaces. However, other respondents made calls for an empathetic approach to the issue of homelessness and a lack of affordable housing options, suggesting approaches such as providing more affordable camping sites.
- Some respondents made **suggestions to encourage regulatory compliance**, including increased signage and education about Council’s regulations, smarter patrols, supporting and encouraging community reporting and publishing regular reports detailing the regulatory activity undertaken by Council.

What’s next?

Council will now consider the feedback provided during the public exhibition and amend the Regulatory Priorities Statement, before reporting a final draft to Council for endorsement. As this project progresses, any relevant updates will be published on Your Voice Our Coast.

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