

# Rules and laws

## Objective:

To help students examine the purpose of local laws, the decision process and the laws that apply to people who live in Moreton Bay. This activity focuses on filling in the blanks, designed to help with deduction and memory.

## Required materials:

- Reading sections (below)
- Exercises (below)
- Pen and paper

## Task Description:

1. Students read the local laws individually or as a group, asking the teacher to clarify or explain any difficult words
2. Complete the exercises following the extracts, filling in the blanks.

## Reading sections:

Rules and laws keep us safe and tell us what we should and shouldn't do. They help us understand how to participate safely and fairly in groups and society.

Laws are rules that apply to all people at all times and can have legal consequences if they are not followed.

Moreton Bay Council's local laws control a wide range of local issues. They can cover camping, swimming pools, fireworks, drones and festivals.

Laws respond to the what people in our communities need. They help to make communities safer and a better place to live for everyone.

Local laws are reviewed regularly. Moreton Bay council is in the middle of reviewing and drafting all locals laws with help from communities.

The Mayor and Councillors for Moreton Bay decide at a Council meeting whether to accept or reject a new or changed local law.

Local laws can only be made when authorised by the *Local Government Act 1995*.

**Exercises:**

What do rules and laws help us to understand? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who do laws apply to and when should they apply? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following sentence:**

Moreton Bay council's \_\_\_\_\_ control a wide range of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. They can cover camping, \_\_\_\_\_, fireworks,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and festivals.

What do local laws respond to? \_\_\_\_\_

What do local laws help to make? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How often are local laws reviewed? \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following sentences:**

The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for Moreton Bay decide at a Council  
meeting whether to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ a new or changed local law.

Local laws can only be made when \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Using online research find **four** examples of any current local law and describe the current situation of what the law tells us.



<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Reports-Policies/Local-Laws>

Law	What's the current situation?
<i>Example:</i> Animal numbers	<i>Example:</i> A person can keep one dog, or one cat, but cannot keep two dogs or two cats on a property under 300m2. For multi-level units, a person can keep one dog and one cat, but cannot keep two dogs or two cats.