

13 May 2026

**Solicitor's Certificate made pursuant to section 74(1) of the  
*Local Government Act 2020***

**MANSFIELD SHIRE COUNCIL  
Community Local Law 2026 - 2035**

Pursuant to sub-section 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020 (Act)*, I, Georgie Ward of Macquarie Local Government Lawyers, certify that the proposed Community Local Law 2026 - 2035, to be presented to the Council, is consistent with the Local Law requirements of section 72 of the Act which requires the following:

- A Local Law must not be inconsistent with any Act (including the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*) or Regulations;
- A Local Law must not duplicate or be inconsistent with a Planning Scheme that is in force in the municipal district;
- A Local Law for or with respect to the issuing of film permits must not be inconsistent with the film friendly principles;
- A Local Law must not exceed the power to make Local Laws conferred by the Act or any other authorising Act;
- A Local Law must be consistent with the objectives of the Act or any other authorising Act;
- A Local Law must be expressed as clearly and unambiguously as is reasonably possible;
- Unless there is clear and express power to do so under the Act or any other authorising Act, a Local Law must not –

- seek to have a retrospective effect;
  - impose any tax, fee, fine, imprisonment or other penalty; or
  - authorise the sub-delegation of powers delegated under the Local Law; and
- A Local Law must comply with any details prescribed in the regulations relating to the preparation and content of Local Laws, of which at the time of providing this certification, no Regulations have been made.

In providing this certification, I confirm that I am an Australian lawyer who has been admitted to the legal profession for at least 5 years and that I am not a Councillor of the Council.

This certificate must be tabled at the Council meeting at which the proposed Local Law is to be made in compliance with sub-section 74(3) of the Act.

Yours faithfully

**MACQUARIE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAWYERS**

Per:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'G. Ward', written in a cursive style.

Signed by Georgie Ward  
At Melbourne on 13 May 2026