
Management of public health risks associated with morgues in WA

Overview

The key focus of this review is to obtain stakeholder feedback on the most effective option for the management of public health risks associated with morgues in Western Australia.

Please read the Discussion Paper entitled **Management of public health risks associated with morgues in Western Australia**, before completing this survey.

The discussion paper outlines a number of options and recommendations for managing public health risks associated with morgues in WA.

These options include:

- **Option A: Do nothing.** Repeal the provisions of the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911* related to morgues. Local government may continue to make local laws under the *Local Government Act 1995* if they so desire.
- **Option B: No regulation. Issue a Code of Practice or Guideline outlining the acceptable practices for managing the public health risks related to morgue.** The general public health duty would apply when persons do not comply with the Code or guideline
- **Option C: Develop regulations for morgues in WA.** The requirements for the temporary storage of human remains set out in the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911* and the current health local laws to be replicated in new legislation.
- **Option D: Include provisions for morgues in new model health local laws.** The requirements for the temporary storage of human remains will be included in model health local laws.

The extent to which these options will be implemented will depend on feedback in response to this survey.

The survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. There are 5 questions. You do not have to comment on all the questions, and can focus on those areas that are important to you.

Why we are consulting

The Department of Health is seeking feedback on the proposed regulatory reforms and options for the management of public health risks associated with morgues.

With the introduction of the *Public Health Act 2016* in WA, Part IV, Division 8 of the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911* will eventually be repealed. Therefore, this provision must now be reviewed and either repealed in its entirety, or replaced with a new regulation in accordance with the new regulatory framework provided by the *Public Health Act 2016*, or managed through other mechanisms such as a local law or Code of Practice.

The Discussion Paper explains each of the key options that have been considered as part of this review.

You are welcome to provide additional feedback that may not be related to any of the questions or ideas for options that have not been considered.

Please explain the reasons behind your suggestions, and where possible evidence to support your views (such as statistics), estimates of any costs that may relate to the proposal, and examples of solutions.

Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name

2 What is your email address?

If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

3 Please indicate who you represent?

Please select only one item

- Local government State government Industry representative
 Member of the public Other

4 What is the name of the organisation you represent? If you are a member of the public please type 'public'.

(Required)

Preferred option

The Discussion Paper entitled "Managing the public health risks associated with morgues in WA" considers four possible options for WA.

An assessment was undertaken for each option to identify the advantages and disadvantages of implementing each option in WA, including any financial impacts.

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Option B: No regulation. Issue a Code of Practice or Guideline outlining the acceptable practices for managing the public health risks related to morgue. The general public health duty would apply when persons do not comply with the Code or guideline

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Option D: Include provisions for morgues in new model health local laws. The requirements for the temporary storage of human remains will be included in model health local laws.

The following questions relate to your preferred option.

5 Please indicate your preferred option for managing public health risks associated with morgues in WA, in order of 1 to 5. With 1 being your most preferred option, and 5 being your least preferred option.

(Required)	1	2	3	4	5
Option A: Do nothing <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option B: No regulation. Issue a Code of Practice or Guideline outlining acceptable practices for managing public health risks related to morgues. <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option C: Develop regulations for morgues in WA. <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Option D: Include provisions for morgues in new model health local laws. <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
None of these options. <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6 Based on your answer to the previous question, please explain why this is your preferred option.

Alternative options

7 Do you have any suggestions for alternative options that have not been considered in the discussion paper? Please explain your ideas by providing examples of complaints, case studies, data or other useful evidence.

8 Do you have any other comments about controlling the public health risks related to morgues in WA? For example, do you have any examples of complaints, health issues or other possible concerns that may need to be addressed into the future that may assist with this review?

9 Do you have any comments or advice about costs and benefits of the alternative options?

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