

CAMPAIGN

New pool rules put safety first

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Leader campaign leads to groundbreaking overhaul of fencing laws

BACKYARD pools and spas will have to be fully fenced under groundbreaking reforms proposed by the State Government.

The changes come because the government realised that more families had been injured by pool accidents than it had anticipated.

Pool and spa owners will be given a grace period and will have to comply by 2020. It will

cost up to \$800 on average to install compliant barriers and safety gates.

The State Government also introduced changes to the Building Act, which will grant inspectors new powers to enter premises and check whether barriers comply.

A statewide pool register was also being considered as well as mandatory inspections every three years.

Last week Planning Minister Richard Whelan said it was time for a proper overhaul of our regulations.

"We don't want another family going through the heart-breaking ordeal of losing a child in these circumstances," Mr Whelan said.

"We know that bringing pools and spas up to scratch will be a significant task, but we make no apology for taking action to prevent those tragic deaths."

"Always keep an eye on kids close to water, because it's so easy to get into something that can lead to devastating consequences."

The government will also consider a new education campaign to remind adults of the need for supervision.

The correct had just been called for urgent reforms following yet another backyard drowning (caption) last the death of a Mooloolah South kid after at a rental property.



In the fourth state since 2011 the Coorong has recommended the government introduce new laws, including a statewide pool register.

But successive governments have failed to act until now. People can comment on the proposed changes from mid-May.

TECH TWIST ON DANCING

FOI have wanted to try basic classical ballroom dance exhibition might be for you.



Check can save

Daughters should encourage their mums to have a breast check the Mother's Day.

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