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Local Planning Policy

[**Policy Purpose**](#Bookmark1)

Application

This policy applies to all land uses that may require a Liquor Licence, which can include the following:

1. Hotel
2. Liquor Store (Large)
3. Liquor Store (Small)
4. Motel
5. Brewery
6. Night Club
7. Restaurant
8. Small Bar
9. Tavern
10. Recreation (Private)
11. Bed and Breakfast
12. Reception Centre
13. Amusement Parlour
14. Winery

The Department of Health and the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor have expressed the view that the impact of some licensed premises, that serve to increase the availability of liquor in a high risk manner, can contribute to alcohol related harm in the community. Research suggests that alcohol availability has the potential to contribute to harm in the community. The issue of whether there is a public impact should be taken into consideration when determining planning applications for liquor licensed premises.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance in the decision making process by the Council in relation to the location of all existing and liquor licensed premises within the City, including modifications to existing premises. In this respect information about the public impact of liquor licensed premises is required to be provided with an application in order for the potential for adverse public impact to be assessed and determined in the decision making process.

[**Policy Statement**](#Bookmark2)

This policy arises from the provisions of the City’s Town Planning Scheme No. 3 (TPS 3) where the aims of TPS 3 are to ensure development complies with accepted standards and practices for public amenity and convenience. Also, to ensure that the quality of life enjoyed by the City’s inhabitants is not jeopardised by poor planning, unacceptable development and incompatible use of land. Inappropriate distribution and function of liquor licensed premises is considered to have a significant potential to conflict with these town planning objectives.

Provisions

(1) The policy is to be read in conjunction with the following documents:

1. City’s Town Planning Scheme No 3, in particular the objectives of the zone in which the Liquor License is proposed;

2. Operational Policy 2.4 – Planning for School Sites:

i. As school sites (public and private) are ‘sensitive uses’, the location within *proximity* of school sites re undesirable next to school sites due to actual and perceived impacts upon health, amenity and safety.

(2) The City may require an Operational Management Plan to be submitted with a planning application or conditioned on an approval for high profile Liquor Licence uses such as Tavern, Small Bar, Night Club, Liquor Store, Hotel, Brewery and Winery. Specifically, the information required includes:

1. Operational details of the licensed premises;
2. Hours of operation;
3. Proximity to sensitive land uses (eg. Schools, youth centres, health care facilities etc);
4. Maximum capacity;
5. Staffing details;
6. Parking and traffic management;
7. Complaints procedure;
8. Control of Noise.

(3) The Operational Management Plan does not replace the need for a Public Interest Assessment Report where it may be required by the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor.

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