BROTHELS

Purpose

To provide consistent planning controls for the establishment and expansion of brothels throughout Victoria coordinated with the provisions of the Sex Work Act 1994.

Permit requirement

A permit for a brothel must include a condition that specifies that the use or development must not commence until a licence is granted under the Sex Work Act 1994.

Decision guidelines

Responsible authorities should consider the matters set out in section 73 of the Sex Work Act 1994 before deciding an application to use or develop land for a brothel.

Responsible authorities should refuse a permit to use or develop land for a brothel in accordance with the restrictions contained in section 74 of the Sex Work Act 1994, unless section 76(2) of Sex Work Act 1994 applies.

If the effect of:

- A request to amend a permit in accordance with section 87 or section 87A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, or
- An application to amend a permit in accordance with Part 4 Division 1A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, or
- A request to amend plans, drawings or other documents under a permit in accordance with:
  - Section 216 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, or
  - Any condition in a planning permit which allows such an amendment

is to expand or extend the use or development of a brothel, the application or request should be determined as if it were an application for a permit for use or development of land for the purposes of the operation of a brothel in accordance with Part 4 of the Sex Work Act 1994.