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## **PIG FARM**

### **Purpose**

To facilitate the establishment and expansion of pig farms in a manner that is consistent with orderly and proper planning and the protection of the environment.

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### **Application**

This clause applies to permit applications to use land or construct a building or construct or carry out works for a pig farm, including to increase the farm capacity of an existing pig farm.

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### **Exemption from notice and review**

An application to use land or construct a building or construct or carry out works for a pig farm is exempt from the notice requirements of section 52 (1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of section 82(1) of the Act if the following requirements are met:

- The number of pigs does not exceed 150 sows or 1,000 Standard Pig Units as calculated in Table 1.
- The outdoor stocking density does not exceed 12 Standard Pig Units per hectare as calculated in Table 1.
- A Nutrient Management Plan demonstrates pigs are kept outdoors on paddocks with:
  - A minimum of 50% ground cover; and
  - Mobile housing and feeding infrastructure that is relocated at least every three months.
- Any area used as a pig range, including associated buildings and works, is setback a minimum distance of:
  - 100 metres from a building used for a sensitive use (accommodation, a child care centre, an education centre or a hospital), and
  - 400 metres from land in a residential zone.

**Table 1 Standard Pig Unit conversion factors**

<b>Pig Class</b>	<b>Mass Range (kg)</b>	<b>Age Range (weeks)</b>	<b>SPU Factor</b>
<b>Gilt</b>	100 – 160	24 -30	1.8
<b>Boar</b>	100 – 300	24 – 128	1.6
<b>Gestating sow</b>	160 – 230	-	1.6
<b>Lactating sow</b>	160 – 230	-	2.5
<b>Sucker</b>	1.4 – 8	0 – 4	0.1
<b>Weaner</b>	8 – 25	4 – 10	0.5
<b>Grower</b>	24 – 55	10 – 16	1.0
<b>Finisher</b>	55 – 100	16 – 24	1.6
<b>Heavy Finisher</b>	100 – 130	24 -30	1.8

Note: Adapted from the National Environmental Guidelines for Piggeries 2010

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**Decision guidelines**

Before deciding on an application to use land or construct a building or construct or carry out works, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The purpose of the relevant zone.
- The design, height, setback and appearance of the proposed buildings and works.
- The proposed landscaping.
- The need to protect amenity of existing uses on adjoining land.
- The impact of the use of the land on the surrounding area, including from the emission of noise, light, vibration, odour, dust, or waste products.
- The impact of the proposal on any wetlands, waterways or water bodies.
- The likely environmental impact on the natural physical features and biodiversity of the land, including consideration of any Nutrient Management Plan submitted with the application.
- Whether the development will support and enhance agricultural production.
- The requirements of the *Victorian Low Density Mobile Outdoor Pig Farm Planning Permit Guidelines* (June 2018).