

LIQUOR LICENSING AND ADULT ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS

Intent: The intent of this policy is to provide a guideline for assessing and commenting on liquor licence and adult entertainment permit applications.

Scope: This policy shall apply to all liquor licensing applications and Adult Entertainment Permits received from Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) referred to Cairns Regional Council.

PROVISIONS

Statutory

In accordance with the provisions of the *Liquor Act 1992*, local government must be consulted about any liquor licence applications or proposed changes to existing liquor licences. Council may provide comment on the locality of the proposed application and object to the granting of the application on the grounds that the health, social and amenity of the locality would be lessened by the application.

Licensing

OLGR issues different types of liquor licenses and Adult Entertainment Permits, with the type of licence issued dependent on the primary purpose.

Assessment

Council's assessment of an application will have consideration to the following criteria:

- Proximity to other licensed venues;
- Proximity to sensitive facilities;
- Proximity to residential areas;
- Socio-demographics of the area;
- Number of complaints about this venue or this type of venue.
- Noise impacts
- Proposed Trading Hours

Council does not support trading prior to 10am and after 12 midnight. In the case of nightclubs, taverns and bars Council may support trading until 3am with extended hours to 5am with lock out periods (3am) on Friday and Saturday, with appropriate consideration given to location.

All applications proposing to increase noise levels and/or undertake amplified entertainment, must be accompanied by an acoustic report from a licensed sound engineer and provide Council with details of speaker positions.

All applications for Adult Entertainment Permits will be assessed in accordance with the above criteria and consideration made to the suitability of the proposed location.

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This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.

General Manager Responsible for Review:

Planning & Environment

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