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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*.