Amusement Centres

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1 Introduction

This section sets out objectives and controls to assist in the assessment of amusement centre proposals with particular regard to maintaining on site amenity and that of the surrounding area.

Amusement centres are a source of entertainment and recreation and are principally used for the playing of mechanical or electronic amusement machines and/or pool tables.

This section of the DCP should be read in conjunction with:

- Part A - Introduction and Part B - General Controls of the DCP; and
- Other sections of the DCP for specific development types, locations or sites, if relevant to the application.

To the extent of any inconsistency between this section and any other DCP sections, this section will prevail.

1.1 Objective

- To ensure that the location, design and activities within amusement centres have minimum adverse effect on the site and locality.

2 Location and Design Requirements

Controls

i) Encourage amusement centre location on the ground floor (at street entry level) of the development.

ii) Building design and layout must be of an open nature without any visually isolated areas.

iii) Adequate floor area must be provided to facilitate circulation around gaming machines and pool tables.

iv) Noise levels generated by the premises must not exceed 5dBA above the background noise measured on the boundary of the premises.

v) Where the amusement centre is to be used in conjunction with a food and drink premises, the floor area allocated for seating for the purposes of the consumption of food and beverages is to be a minimum of 20% of the entire floor area.

Note:

A floorplan must be submitted showing amusement machine and pool table layout and configuration, toilet facilities and access, supervisor's location, any partitioned areas and their proposed use, seating arrangements, ancillary uses and entrances and exits.

3 Management Plan

Explanation

DAs for amusement centres must be accompanied by a Management Plan that specifies the operations and measures to be undertaken to ensure that the premises will be responsibly managed.

Controls

i) Submit a Management Plan that addresses the general requirements for Management Plans outlined in Part B Section B9 of this DCP, as well as the following specific requirements:

- Measures to ensure the suitable conduct of patrons.
- Details on the number and type of amusement machines and/or pool tables.
- Age entry requirements.
- Access to public transport.

Note:

Approvals for amusement centre proposals including hours of operation may be subject to a trial period of operation. This would allow the flexibility to monitor the ongoing management of a premises and its impact on amenity and public safety.

Note:

Age Entry Requirements - It is the responsibility of the proprietor to ensure that persons under the age of 12 are accompanied by an adult and a sign is clearly displayed stating these age entry requirements.