

## Assessment of Brothels Planning Scheme Policy

Under the Prostitution Act 1999, brothels are:

- to be refused in residential areas (Section 64 of the Prostitution Act 1999),
- code assessable in industrial areas (Schedule 1 of the Integrated Planning Regulation 1998), and
- impact assessable in other areas (Schedule 1 of the Integrated Planning Regulation 1998).

The four basic Area classifications in the City Plan are Residential, Industrial, Centres (commercial) and Parkland. Impact assessment of applications for brothels in Areas other than Residential or Industrial are to be based on the following criteria:

### 1 Centres

Centres provide for a wide range of activities. Many of these activities include recreational and/or cultural activities for children. Approval of a brothel in these circumstances would contravene the requirements of the Act.

The City Plan encourages higher density development in centres. Approval of a brothel (which cannot be approved within the near vicinity of residential development) in that centre could prejudice that higher density potential.

### 2 Parkland and Greenspace

Brisbane's parks and other greenspaces are used by children. Approval of a brothel in close proximity to a park or greenspace would detract from meeting the recreational and greenspace needs of the City. It would also thereby contravene provision 64(1)(b) of the Act, which states that an "assessment manager must refuse an application if the land is within 200m of a facility or place regularly frequented by children for recreational or cultural activities".

### 3 Broad-tract and Rural Development

The location of brothels in isolated urban areas is undesirable.

### 4 Public Consultation

The City Plan assumes adequate consultation with the community on uses that are likely to affect them; therefore significant weight is to be given to any public submissions received.

## 5 Public Notification of Brothel Applications in Industrial Areas

Applicants for brothels in industrial areas are required to notify adjoining landowners in writing that an application is to be lodged and evidence of that notification must be provided with the application when submitted.

## 6 Conclusion

Based on the above criteria, it is unlikely that Council would favourably consider a proposal for a brothel in any circumstance other than those specifically allowed by the Act, (ie. within an industrial area well clear of residential development and areas where children might congregate).