



Part 7 Codes

Division 2 Specific Development Codes

Chapter 8 Brothels

1.0 Purpose

This code seeks to ensure that the location and appearance of brothels is not detrimental to the amenity, character and image of the City. It also seeks to regulate the establishment of brothels throughout the Gold Coast City, in conjunction with the provisions of the **Prostitution Act 1999** and the **Prostitution Regulations 2000**.

This code also seeks to ensure that a brothel complements the form, function and amenity of the area in which it is located, and facilitates appropriate security and safety for staff, brothel clients and the public.

2.0 Application of this Code

2.1 This code applies to development for the purposes of a Brothel indicated as code assessable or impact assessable in the Table of Development of the domain or Local Area Plan (LAP) in which the brothel is proposed.

2.2 Performance Criteria PC1-PC14 apply to all development subject to this code.

3.0 Development Requirements

Performance Criteria	Acceptable Solutions
Development that is Code Assessable or Impact Assessable	
Location	
<p>PC1 A Brothel must not be located in an area where children frequent.</p>	<p>AS1.1 The Brothel is not located in a shopping arcade or a strip shopping centre which is used by the public, or within a 200 metre radius of a bus stop.</p> <p>AS1.2 The Brothel must not share a common boundary with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) childcare centres; b) educational establishment, such as a pre-school, primary school or secondary school or college; c) residential dwelling; d) place of worship.
<p>PC2 The Brothel must not be located where there are four or more licensed premises, entertainment venues and other uses in the one street that could generate crime or nuisance behaviour.</p>	<p>AS2 No acceptable solution provided.</p>
Building Appearance	
<p>PC3 The Brothel must be designed to a high quality to complement the existing or intended scale and character of the surrounding local area, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) building materials and colours; b) building bulk. 	<p>AS3 No acceptable solution provided.</p>



Performance Criteria	Acceptable Solutions
<p>PC4</p> <p>The external appearance of any building used as a Brothel must have minimal impact on the streetscape, and have no characteristics indicating that it is used for a Brothel.</p>	<p>AS4.1</p> <p>The windows of the Brothel are facing the street, and are not covered by painting or by other solid materials.</p> <p>AS4.2</p> <p>The Brothel displays a clearly visible street number, with a size no greater than 1m².</p>
Advertising Devices	
<p>PC5</p> <p>All signage associated with a Brothel is to be designed so that its shape, size, content and illumination do not interfere with the amenity of the area.</p>	<p>AS5</p> <p>Only one sign on the exterior of the building is displayed for the purposes of a brothel, which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) displays the name of the licensee and the registered business name of the Brothel; b) is not more than 60 centimetres in width or height; c) does not flash and is not audible.
<p>PC6</p> <p>No advertising sign relating to the Brothel or the business carried out there (other than a sign allowed by AS5) is to be erected, displayed or exhibited to public view in the window or entrance of the premises, or in, outside or in the vicinity of an access corridor to the premises or building.</p>	<p>AS6</p> <p>No acceptable solution provided.</p>
Visual Screening	
<p>PC7</p> <p>The Brothel must have appropriate landscaping and fencing to adjoining properties.</p>	<p>AS7</p> <p>A solid fence 1.8 metres high is erected on all side and rear boundaries.</p>
Amenity	
<p>PC8</p> <p>The Brothel must not detract from the amenity of the local area, the intent of the domain or LAP, or contribute to the concentration of licensed premises, entertainment venues and any other uses which may detract from the amenity of the local area.</p>	<p>AS8</p> <p>Lighting associated with a Brothel does not indicate the premises are used for the purposes of a Brothel.</p>
<p>PC9</p> <p>The Brothel development must be constructed and finished in such a way that it cannot be impacted on by the surrounding environment with respect to vibration and noise.</p>	<p>AS9</p> <p>The Brothel should be sound attenuated in accordance with Australian Standard AS/NZS 2107(2000) Acoustics – Recommended Design Sound Levels and Reverberation Times for Building Interiors.</p>
Traffic and Access	
<p>PC10</p> <p>The level of traffic generated by the Brothel on the surrounding road network must not result in unacceptable impacts on adjacent land and local road users.</p>	<p>AS10</p> <p>No acceptable solution provided.</p>
<p>PC11</p> <p>The traffic and pedestrian access to the site is safe and convenient.</p>	<p>AS11</p> <p>No acceptable solution provided.</p>



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Crime Prevention	
<p>PC12 The building must be designed with crime prevention measures to ensure a high level of safety and security for staff, clients and the community and must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) optimise informal surveillance and illumination; b) provide unimpeded sight lines; c) control illegitimate access; d) avoid concealment spots. 	<p>AS12 No acceptable solution provided.</p>
<p>PC13 Lighting must be provided to pedestrian ways, building entries, driveways and car parking areas to ensure a high level of safety and security for staff and visitors at night. This lighting must not cause adverse impact on adjacent land uses.</p>	<p>AS13 External lighting is provided which has point to point bollard lighting for pedestrian walkways, access easements and car parking areas.</p>
Waste Disposal	
<p>PC14 Disposal of waste generated by the Brothel must not result in any on-site or off-site contamination, and a clinical waste contractor must collect all potential hazardous waste.</p>	<p>AS14 No acceptable solution provided.</p>