

8.1.1. POLICY: OPERATION OF TOURIST AND VISITOR ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS

FILE NO: 11.00006

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council repeal the Operation of Tourist and Visitor Accommodation Establishments Policy.

REPORT:

Council at its meeting held 22 September 2021 adopted an updated version of the Tourist and Visitor Accommodation Establishments Policy.

The current Policy is provided at **Attachment 1**.

The current Policy includes information on:

- The statutory framework provided under the State's Short Term Rental Accommodation arrangements.
- Information on approval pathways available under the STRA arrangements as either "exempt" or "complying" development.
- Development standards relating to parking should a DA be required.
- General public health standards reflective of standards under the Public Health Act and Regulations eg drinking water for non-potable standards.
- Information on requirements for swimming pools where tourist and visitor accommodation is provided.
- Information on general noise restrictions.
- Information on legislative requirements where land is bushfire prone.

It is also noted that the NSW Government has recently introduced planning legislation surrounding agritourism and farm stay accommodation. That legislation allows some forms of farm stay accommodation as exempt and complying development.

The current Policy does not provide any additional standards over and above those found in other legislation.

To the extent that the information is relevant to members of the public it is information that is available through other sources and is reflective of legislation established by others.

It is therefore recommended that the Tourist and Visitor Accommodation Establishments Policy be repealed.

CONCLUSION:

The current Tourist and Visitors Accommodation Establishments contains general information on legislation surrounding these activities. The Policy does not provide any

additional framework for regulation. It is therefore of limited value and it is recommended it be repealed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

BATHURST COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:

Objective 4: Sustainable and balanced growth.

Strategy 4.6 Plan for, assess and regulate development activity.

Objective 6: Community leadership and collaboration.

Strategy 6.4 Meet legislative and compliance requirements.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

01 **Inform** - to provide the public with balanced and objective information to help them understand the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Operation of tourist and visitor accommodation establishments [8.1.1.1 - 7 pages]

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RESOLUTION NUMBER: POL2024-32

MOVED: Cr J Underwood SECONDED: Cr W Aubin

RESOLVED:

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