

Model conditions for animal production planning permits

Information Sheet

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This information sheet contains model conditions that may be used by responsible authorities when writing planning permits for the use and development of land for animal production.

What is animal production?

Animal production is defined in Clause 73.03 of planning schemes as:

Land used to keep or breed farm animals for the production of livestock, eggs, fibre, meat, milk or other animal products.

Animal production includes the following uses (which are separately defined in Clause 73.03):

- grazing animal production
- intensive animal production
- cattle feedlot
- intensive dairy farm
- poultry farm
- broiler farm
- pig farm
- poultry hatchery.

Model planning permit conditions

The following model conditions can be customised by the responsible authority:

Use must not be altered

1. The [*use and/or development*] must be carried out in accordance with the endorsed plans unless otherwise approved with the written consent of the responsible authority.
2. No more than [*specify number and type of animals*] may be kept on the site at any one time unless with the written consent of the responsible authority.
3. All animals must be kept within the defined areas as shown on the endorsed plans.

Amenity

4. The [*use and/or development*] must be managed in accordance with the approved Environmental Management Plan and other management plans (if applicable) so that the amenity of the area is not detrimentally affected, through the:
 - a. processes carried out on the land
 - b. the transportation of livestock, materials, goods or commodities to or from the land



- c. the emission of odour, dust, noise, artificial light, waste water or waste products
 - d. the presence of vermin
 - e. the spread of disease.
5. If the responsible authority determines that the amenity of the nearby residents is adversely affected by the emission of an unreasonable level of odour, dust or noise from the site, the operator must immediately and to the satisfaction of the responsible authority take action to prevent those emissions, which may include adjusting stocking density, removing litter immediately, or any other actions reasonably required to rectify the unreasonable emissions.

Effluent management

6. The effluent must be managed in accordance with the approved environmental management plan and other approved plans.
7. The effluent produced from the use must:
 - a. not discharge beyond the boundaries of the land or directly into waterways
 - b. be adequately treated, retained and disposed of within the boundaries of the lotto the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
8. All effluent must be retained such that there is no contamination of surface waters. Any stockpiles or compost heaps must be constructed and managed to prevent stormwater infiltration or run-off.
9. All effluent and polluted run-off water from any enclosures, yards or buildings used in conjunction with the use, or any water otherwise

contaminated as a result of the use, must be disposed of to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

10. Effluent run-off must not be discharged to the [insert name of waterway] waterway at any time. All effluent must be treated onsite in accordance with the relevant Environment Protection Authority requirements.
11. Effluent, manure and compost must only be spread on the reuse areas identified on the endorsed plans and in accordance with the Environmental Management Plan. Reuse must not occur on designated buffers.

More information is available online

The following planning documents provide information and guidance about writing planning permits and applications for different types of animal production uses. They are available at: planning.vic.gov.au

- *Writing Planning Permits* (DSE 2007)
- *Planning Practice Note 87 - Preparing a planning permit application for animal production*
- *Planning Practice Note 86 - Applying for a planning permit for a pig farm*
- *Planning Practice Note 63 - Applying for a planning permit to farm broiler chickens*
- *Victorian Code for Broiler Farms 2009 (plus 2018 amendments)*
- *Victorian Code for Cattle Feedlots, August 1995*
- *Victorian Low Density Mobile Outdoor Pig Farm Planning Permit Guidelines* (DEDJTR, 2018)
- *Victorian Low Density Mobile Outdoor Poultry Farm Planning Permit Guidelines* (DEDJTR, 2018)

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