

Advice Note

Responsible Officer: Director Urban Planning

Date of Meeting: 20 April 2021

Meeting of the: Council

Item: Notice of Motion : Amendment to Policy LPP 1.12 Child Care Premise & Family Day Care

DETAIL

The following information is provided in relation to the Notice of Motion proposed by Cr Pazolli relating to proposed amendment to Council Policy LPP 1.12 Child Care Premise and Family Day Care.

The Policy objective for LPP 1.12 - Child Care Centres refers to : ...”ensuring that their location, siting and design is compatible with the surrounding built form, and avoids significant adverse amenity impacts”. The intent of LPP1.12 is to ensure that ‘Child Care premises’ are not located on quiet residential streets as this has the potential to negatively impact the amenity of the area.

The existing policy is silent on the issue of location of child care centres on primary regional roads but does not preclude such locations subject to satisfactory access arrangements for vehicles being available, with no direct vehicle access off the primary regional road.

In view of this it is considered that it would be appropriate to include regional roads in the preferred site characteristics with a comment that this is subject to suitable access arrangements being made.

This could be addressed via a statement along the lines that:

- child care centres that gain direct access from regional roads are not preferred
- child care centres that are located on regional roads, do not gain access from the regional road and can provide safe access, and which suitably mitigate other impacts of regional roads, are preferred locations (in comparison to quiet suburban streets)

Suitable arrangements may include vehicle access being off the secondary street, or the site being large enough to allow for vehicles to exit and enter in forward gear. If the latter is proposed then the City would take into consideration any advice provided by MRWA.

A change to the LPP as is proposed in the Notice of Motion would be regarded as one which requires advertising for the standard period of 21 days.