

Policy Goals

The purpose of this Gaming Planning Control Policy is to provide guidance for Council and delegated officers in considering applications to install gaming machines in appropriate venues. The prime issue is to prevent adverse effects on adjoining or nearby properties, particularly residential properties and ensure that the proposed premises have adequate facilities.

The Council considers gaming to be an important social issue in the Latrobe Valley, which needs to be understood and overseen by Council.

Relationship to Latrobe 2026 & Council Plan

This policy relates to the following Strategic Objectives contained within Latrobe 2026: The Community Vision for Latrobe Valley and the Council Plan:-

Built Environment

Latrobe 2026:

In 2026, Latrobe Valley benefits from a well planned built environment that is complementary to its surroundings and which provides for a connected and inclusive community.

Council Plan:

- Ensure proposed developments enhance the liveability of Latrobe City, and provide for a more sustainable community.
- Ensure proposed developments and open space areas are complimentary to their surrounds.
- Ensure the Local Planning Policy Framework is reviewed in accordance with legislative requirements, and updated regularly to reflect community aspirations and growth.

Policy Implementation

1. Special Considerations

- 1.1 A planning permit is not required for gaming machines provided that the use complies with the Planning Scheme and is ancillary to another use of the land. As a general principal Council will make a submission to the Office of Gaming on any proposal to increase the number of gaming machines in any venue.

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- 1.2 A planning permit is only required where the restricted area for gaming machines exceeds 25% of the floor area of the premises where liquor may be consumed.
- 1.3 Whilst Council will not seek to unreasonably refuse any application for an increase in gaming machines which complies with the relevant planning scheme and legislative requirements it will evaluate each application on its merits having regard to issues such as:
- proximity to residential areas
 - management and security arrangements for the minimisation of nuisance of patrons arriving and leaving the premises
 - adequacy of car parking provision
 - principals of the Latrobe City Gaming Charter

2. General Considerations

- 2.1 Gaming machines will not be opposed if they are ancillary to the primary use of the premises and in accordance with the provisions of the planning scheme.
- 2.2 All planning permit applications to install gaming machines referred to Council must have the premises existing planning permits and operations checked by the Development Approvals Unit and forward to Council for consideration. The Council will not delegate decisions on gaming machines applications to any officer.
- 2.3 Where the proposed application does not meet planning criteria or may cause detriment to the area, the Office of Gaming will be notified that Council wishes to make a submission.
- 2.4 Any objection lodged with the Casino and Gaming Authority must be reported to the next meeting of Council for further consideration.

This policy has been reviewed after giving proper consideration to all the rights contained within the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*; and any reasonable limitation to human rights can be demonstrably justified.

Signed : _____
Chief Executive Officer

Date : 08/02/2011.