

Environmental Health Referral Response - commercial use

Application Number:	DA2023/0645
Proposed Development:	Use of Premises as a business premises involving skin penetration
Date:	11/07/2023
To:	Grace Facer
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 35 SP 57694 , 35 / 7 - 11 Collaroy Street COLLAROY NSW 2097

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for one or more of the following:

- Food premises, or
- Backpackers/Boarding house, or
- Mortuary, or
- Skin penetration, acupuncture, tattoo, beauty salon, or
- Public pool

And as such, Council's Environmental Health and Protection officers are required to consider the likely impacts.

Officer comments

General Comments

"This application proposes a change of use to a Tattoo Parlour that involves skin penetration. Such use would fall under the definition of a Business premises pursuant to the provisions to the Warringah LEP. The operating details of the business are as follows:

- 11am – 6pm Monday to Sunday
- Only 1 tattoo artist is proposed to be working in the beginning. It is anticipated that another artist will service clients in the near future. No other staff is required.
- Bookings will be by appointment only and depending on the tattoo can be time consuming. It will be a low intensity use of the unit.

The existing layout of the unit will be preserved"

The applicant has not satisfied Environmental Health that the unaltered premises will be able to operate as a skin penetration premises and needs to address the following with additional information so that if a consent is issued compliance is achievable:

The general standards for a skin penetration business include:

- design and construction methods that allow surfaces to be easily and correctly cleaned
- good lighting and ventilation
- floor coverings, shelves, fittings, and furniture that are suitable for beauty treatment
- a waste disposal bin

- storage facilities that can store equipment and utensils in a clean condition
- **a separate sink with a supply of clean, warm water for cleaning equipment**
- **a hand basin that is only used for hand washing** and is always supplied with:
 - o clean, warm potable water
 - o liquid soap and an alcohol-based hand cleaner
 - o single-use towels or a working automatic hand dryer.
- It is recommended that **a hand basin is provided as near as possible to treatment rooms/areas to allow staff to easily wash their hands.**
- Reprocessing area bench workspaces, sinks, equipment, and instruments should be arranged to allow practitioners to carry out cleaning, disinfecting and sterilising procedures without contaminating cleaned and sterilised instruments and equipment.

All skin penetration businesses must be registered with their local council before starting business.

Sterilisation facilities

Re-usable skin penetration equipment and instruments should be reprocessed (cleaned and sterilised) in a separate area that is only used for this process.

Sterilisation must be carried out using a steam-under-pressure bench top autoclave following the sterilisation process in Australian Standard AS/NZS 4815:2006 Office-based health care facilities – Reprocessing of reusable medical and surgical instruments and equipment, and maintenance of the associated environment.

The autoclave should be registered by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Refer to the TGA website for further information.

The reprocessing area should be planned and constructed to minimise the risk of contamination.

Equipment and instruments that are being reprocessed need to flow in one direction through the processing area to reduce the risk of contamination between unclean or unsterilised equipment and instruments, and clean or sterile equipment and instruments.

The equipment processing area must be provided with a hand basin and a sink and each must be used only for this purpose.

All hand basins and sinks must always be provided with a supply of warm water. The size of the water heater needs to be considered at the design stage of the business.

Ensure there is sufficient bench space to allow for clear separation between clean and unclean and unsterilised equipment. Extra bench space is needed for other materials and equipment and for drying equipment after it has been cleaned

When information is received Environmental Health will reassess the proposal.

11/7/2023 UPDATE

The applicant has submitted additional information, photos and a plan showing a sink and a hand washbasin in the service area; additionally single disposable tattoo skin contact/penetration equipment is proposed.

Environmental Health supports the proposal with conditions

The proposal is therefore supported.

Note: Should you have any concerns with the referral comments above, please discuss these with the Responsible Officer.

Recommended Environmental Health and Protection Conditions:

CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

Registration with regulatory authority (Council)

The business must be registered with the appropriate regulatory authority, prior to the Occupation Certificate being issued or operations commencing

Reason: Legislative requirement.

ON-GOING CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES

On-going operation of skin penetration premises

The ongoing operation of the skin penetration and beauty salon premises including all associated equipment must be maintained in accordance with the relevant and current guidelines including:

- Public Health Act 2010
- Public Health Regulation 2022
- Local Government (General) Regulations 2021
- Australian Standard: AS/NZS 4815:2006 Office-based health care facilities— Reprocessing of reusable medical and surgical instruments and equipment, and maintenance of the associated environment.

Reason: To ensure compliance with legislation and to protect public health and safety.

Sharps waste management

All commercial premises that require the use of sharps must provide adequate sharps waste disposal facilities. Such premises must be provided with sharps waste disposal containers on site that adequately contain all sharps waste produced and is compliant with AS 4031 – 1992 - Non-reusable containers for the collection of sharp medical items used in health care areas.

Reason: To ensure adequate provisions are made for the safe disposal, collection and transport of used sharp objects and to minimise to risk of infectious waste to public health.

