

Environmental Health Referral Response - commercial use

Application Number:	DA2023/0854
Proposed Development:	Use of Premises as a tattoo parlour
Date:	01/08/2023
To:	Brittany Harrison
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 2 DP 509330 , 678 Pittwater Road BROOKVALE NSW 2100

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

The proposal involves use of the site as a tattoo Parlour, which will operate 7 Days a week. The hours of operation will be 9am to 6pm.

Plans show sanitary facilities. tattoo areas and a kitchen/office.

No details have been supplied on compliance with rules for skin penetration procedures in the Public Health Regulation 2022 in regard to :

1. Sterilisation equipment and location including appropriate bench or any alternatives proposed.
2. A non kitchen use, sink , for cleaning of equipment for activities (not being sterilisation) and general cleaning.
3. A hand wash basin (with warm water and liquid soap and paper towel) immediately adjacent to the tattooing area not being the toilet hand wash basin

To assist the applicant the following information from NSW Health is supplied :

Business construction

Before starting a business, it is important to contact your local council to discuss design, planning and construction standards. 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:
 - clean, warm potable water
 - liquid soap and an alcohol-based hand cleaner
 - 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, and where a business changes ownership the new owner needs to notify the local council within 7 days.

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.

Environmental Health requires the above matters to be documented before support of the proposal can be given.

The proposal is therefore unsupported.

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

Recommended Environmental Health and Protection Conditions:

Nil.