

# Cottage Industry

## Can I Operate a Cottage Industry from Home?

It is possible, with Council approval, to operate a small-scale business from home. Where your proposed business produces Art & Craft goods, Council may consider the business as a Cottage Industry.

Town Planning Scheme No. 2 and Council Policy prescribe provisions relating to Cottage Industry.

## How Do I Apply For Approval to Cottage Industry?

A completed application form (signed by the owner), and the appropriate application fee should be submitted at Council's Administration Offices along with the following information:

- ♦ Who will be employed by the business?
- ♦ The area within the property that the business will occupy (include a plan if possible).
- ♦ Hours of operation.
- ♦ Nature of the business (please let us know if it will involve visitors, animals, vehicle deliveries, any noise etc).
- ♦ Any other information which you feel will help in consideration of the application

## A Cottage Industry Can Only Be Considered if it:

1. Does not cause injury to or prejudicially affect the amenity of the neighbourhood including injury or prejudicial affection, due to the emission of light, noise vibration, steam, soot, ash, dust, grit, oil, liquid wastes or waste products;
2. Where operated in a residential zone, does not employ any person not a member of the occupier's family;
3. Is conducted in an outbuilding that is compatible to the zone and its amenity and does not occupy an area greater than 55 square metres;

4. Does not require the provision of any essential service main of a greater capacity than is normally required in the zone in which it is located;
5. Is restricted in advertisement to a sign not exceeding 0.2 square metres in area.

Should Council receive any complaint regarding the activity it reserves the right to rescind this consent if it determines that the activity has degraded the amenity of the neighbourhood or has contravened any of the above conditions.

## **What Sort of Activity Can Cause a Problem?**

**Please bear in mind that a Cottage Industry is a business that should not create problems with your neighbours.**

- It has been found that some activities involved with noisy machinery may not fit into the definition of a Cottage Industry.
- Council will not usually support the retailing of goods from a home, other than those goods manufactured on the premises.

## **Please Note**

The information contained here is a guide only. It is recommended that reference be made to Town Planning Scheme No 2 and the advice and assistance of the Shire Planner be sought in conjunction with any enquires concerning the use of land within the Shire.

Before undertaking any development, please discuss your intention with Council. If you need to make application your time and money can be saved if you are thoroughly prepared.

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