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C129(Part 1)**RACING DOG KEEPING AND RACING DOG TRAINING**

This policy applies to all planning applications for use and/or development of racing dog keeping and racing dog training facilities.

Policy Basis

Geelong has a large greyhound racing facility, and as such attracts residents who wish to keep and train dogs on their properties. Although such facilities are appropriate in rural areas, they need to be carefully sited and designed. Key issues that need to be addressed in relation to the use and development of rural land for racing dog keeping and training facilities, particularly greyhound keeping and training are: noise, visual impact, landscape impact, loss of productive agricultural land and consistency with adjoining land use.

Objectives

- To provide support for appropriate use and development of rural land for racing dog keeping and training facilities.
- To ensure that use and development of rural land for racing dog keeping and training does not detrimentally impact on the environment and the amenity of the surrounding area.

Policy

It is policy that;

- Racing dog keeping and racing dog training facilities should be located in the Farming Zone.
- Noise disturbance should be minimised by:
 - Locating and constructing kennels and other facilities to visually screen dogs from external stimuli such as other dogs, animals, traffic or passers-by.
 - Use of earth banks and or vegetation and or manually constructed sound barriers.
 - Management regimes that minimise opportunities for noise generated by external stimuli.
 - Restriction of feeding to within the hours of sunrise to sunset where practicable.
 - Appropriate construction materials for kennels.
- Buffers appropriate to the size of the facility and based on the requirements for ongoing compliance with the above noise controls, be largely provided within the boundaries of the property.
- The facility is designed so that the loss of productive agricultural land is minimised.
- Use of the land for racing dog keeping and racing dog training should not unreasonably compromise the use of adjoining and surrounding land for agriculture.
- The facility be designed so that it does not compromise the farmed rural landscape.
- Where relevant, the facility be designed and operated so that it complies with the Victorian Racing Industry Code of Practice for Operation of Greyhound Establishments.

Application requirements

An application be supported with the following information, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority, as appropriate:

- A fully dimensioned site context plan showing adjoining land and the closest residence.
- A detailed site layout plan, including elevations, drawn to an appropriate scale showing the location of all proposed pens, runs and buildings on the site.
- Full details of all landscaping, including the type and location of all plants and the type of ground surface treatment (i.e. lawn, sand, concrete, gravel etc.).

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- Details of the height, style and location of all fences.
- Details of lighting.
- Materials of construction of all kennels and buildings associated with the use including type and method of insulation.
- A site stormwater management plan.
- A management plan to include the following:
 - Number of racing dogs to be kept on the site and the proposed number of litters per year.
 - Details of exercising and training which will occur on the site.
 - Method of waste collection, storage and disposal.
 - Details as to whether boarding of racing dogs not belonging to the operator will take place, including the number and frequency of turnover.
 - Details of day to day operations of the facility to include such items as training times and feeding times and visiting procedure.
- Response to the Victorian Greyhound Industry Code of Practice: Operation of Greyhound Establishments, as appropriate.
- Response to the relevant Environment Protection Authority guidelines.
- A Noise Impact Assessment, undertaken by a qualified acoustic consultant, may be required for applications for the keeping or training of six or more racing dogs.

References

City of Greater Geelong Rural Land Use Strategy, City of Greater Geelong, 2007.

Code of Practice for The Greyhound Industry Dealing with Greyhound Premises and The Keeping and Welfare of Greyhounds, Revised and Adopted by Greyhound Racing Victoria March 2008.