



Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam

**BURWOOD COUNCIL SUBMISSION
DRAFT CHILD CARE PLANNING GUIDELINE**



Reference is made to the Draft Child Care Planning Guideline released by the Department as part of the preparation of the Draft Education and Child Care State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP).

Council supports the establishment of a Planning Guideline as a means to reinforce principles around the care and wellbeing of children within child care facilities, as well as protecting the amenity and local character for residents living in the vicinity of these facilities.

Council has reviewed the exhibited material and wishes to raise the following matters:

- Concern is raised that the Draft SEPP and Draft Guideline promote child care facilities in multi-storey buildings and allow simulated outdoor space in place of genuine outdoor space.

Children who access long day care are often in these environments ten hours per day, five days per week. The literature and studies on healthy and child-friendly environments stress the importance of spaces which are home-like, with stimulating play and learning opportunities, social interaction, quiet spaces for relaxing, and provide fresh air, and access to outdoor environments.

It is Council's view that simulated outdoor spaces should not be promoted by the Guideline, but be actively discouraged.

- In relation to vehicle parking rates, Council supports the Guideline's reliance on the existing parking rates in a council's Development Control Plan (DCP). It is appropriate that councils be permitted to set their own parking rates based on local circumstances.
- Council has been involved in a number of child care proposals where the child care facility is operating in conjunction with another institution or use, like a church or school. One of the major issues arising in these proposals is achieving an appropriate separation of the uses, particularly in respect to vehicle access and parking. Council has found there is pressure for existing parking spaces to do "double-duty", serving both the child care facility and church for instance. Where the church may be holding a funeral or other service, parking provision is stretched beyond its capacity.

Section 3A 'Location' of the Guideline outlines the matters for consideration in relation to a 'mixed-use development' where a child care centre is located on the same site as another use. Council requests that a further item be added to this list of considerations in respect to parking requirements for each of the uses on a site, and separation of the respective uses.

If you require information in other languages, please contact Burwood Council on 9911 9911. Staff will be able to organise an interpreter for you. Alternatively, you can contact the Telephone Interpreter Service directly on 131 450 (free service) and ask them to call Burwood Council on 9911 9911 on your behalf.

ARABIC

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CHINESE

本信所含信息十分重要。如果您不能閱讀、或無法理解其內容，請與市政廳(Council)聯絡。電話9911 9911。我們的工作人員可以為您安排口譯人員。您也可以與電話口譯服務部門聯絡，(46)電話131 450 (免費服務)，由他們代您和市政廳聯絡。市政廳的聯絡電話是9911 9911。

CROATIAN

Ovo pismo sadrži važne informacije. Ako ga ne možete pročitati ili razumjeti, molimo nazvati općinu na 9911 9911. Osoblje Vam može organizirati pomoć tumača. Ili, možete nazvati Telefonsku službu tumača (Telephone Interpreter Service) na 131 450 (usluga je besplatna) i zamoliti da u Vaše ime nazovu općinu.

GREEK

Η παρούσα επιστολή περιέχει σημαντικές πληροφορίες. Αν δε μπορείτε να τη διαβάσετε ή να καταλάβετε το περιεχόμενό της, παρακαλούμε να επικοινωνήσετε με το Δήμο του Burwood στο 9911 9911. Το προσωπικό μπορεί να οργανώσει για διαμετάφραση, καθώς επίσης να επικοινωνήσει με την Τηλεφωνική Υπηρεσία Διαμετάφρασης στο 131 450 (αυτή είναι δωρεάν υπηρεσία) και να ζητήσει να επικοινωνήσει με το Δήμο στο 9911 9911 σε μέριμνά σας.

ITALIAN

Questa lettera contiene informazioni importanti. Se non siete in grado di leggere o capire il suo contenuto, contattate il Municipio di Burwood al numero 9911 9911. Il personale può organizzare un interprete. Alternativamente, potete anche fare il servizio di interpretariato telefonico (Telephone Interpreter Service) al numero 131 450 (servizio gratuito) o chiedere loro di contattare il Municipio di Burwood al 9911 9911 al vostro posto.

KOREAN

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SPANISH

Esta carta contiene información importante. Si usted no puede leer o entender su contenido, llámese al Ayuntamiento de Burwood al número 9911 9911 y el personal de la Alcaldía organizará los servicios de un intérprete. Alternativamente, Ud puede contactar el Servicio Telefónico de Interpretación (llamando al número 131 450 (este servicio es gratis) y solicitarles que llamen a la Alcaldía de Burwood, en el número 9911 9911.

RUSSIAN

Это письмо содержит важную информацию. Если вы не можете прочитать или понять его содержание, пожалуйста свяжитесь с Бервудским Советом по телефону 9911 9911. Наши сотрудники предоставят Вам посредника. Вы также можете обратиться со Службой Телефонного Посредства по телефону 131 450 (это бесплатная услуга) и попросить их позвонить от Вашего имени в Совет по телефону 9911 9911.

TAMIL

இந்தக் கடிதம் முக்கியத் தகவலைக் கொண்டுள்ளது. அதைப் படிக்கவோ அல்லது அதன் பொருளைப் புரிந்துகொள்வதற்கோ தகுந்தவகையில் இயலாவிட்டால், பர்வூட் கவுன்சிலுக்கு 9911 9911 என்ற தொலைபேசி எண்ணில் தொடர்பு கொள்ளுங்கள். அவர்கள் உங்களுக்குத் தரவேண்டிய உதவியை ஏற்படுத்தும்படி நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க முடியும். மாற்றாக, உங்களுக்குத் தேவையான மொழிபெயர்ப்புச் சேவையைத் (131 450 என்ற தொலைபேசி எண்ணில்) இலவசமாகப் பெறும்படி கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுங்கள். அவர்கள் உங்களுக்குப் பர்வூட் கவுன்சிலுக்கு 9911 9911 என்ற தொலைபேசி எண்ணில் அழைப்பு போடுவதற்காக உங்களுக்குத் தேவையான உதவியைச் செய்யும்.

- The SEPP argues that it is necessary to build more child care facilities in centres near to where people work. It is unclear if there is solid evidence to support this approach. Council's preference is generally for child care facilities to be located close to where people live, in residential areas, as opposed to resorting to multi-storey commercial developments. The anecdotal advice provided by Council's community services staff is that parents prefer to leave their children in care close to home where there is more likelihood of developing friendships with other local families.
- It is recommended that the privacy and overlooking of children within facilities also be a matter for consideration. This is particularly relevant to the multi-storey child care model which occurs in town centres with other multi-storey buildings in close proximity.
- Council supports the Section 2.10 'Emergency and Evacuation' guidelines which involve the provision of safer balustrades and handrails for children in a fire stair, and a safe haven or emergency lifts in multi-storey buildings with child care facilities. However, concern is raised that these emergency measures are unlikely to be met in the case of retrofitting a child care facility into an existing multi-storey commercial building. Clarification is sought in respect to whether Council can refuse a child care facility in circumstances where the minimum standards are met, but these higher-level measures are not being satisfied.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the SEPP and Guidelines. I trust that these comments will be considered by the Department in finalising the legislation and supporting material.

If you have any enquiries please contact Council's Manager Strategic Planning, Ms Diwei Luo, on 9911 9928.

Yours sincerely



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