Brothel Location Bylaw Review 2026

Summary of feedback

To support Deliberations on 28/04/2026

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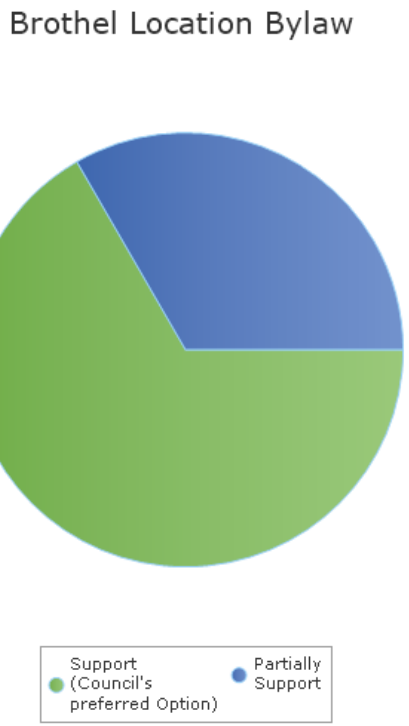
We undertook consultation with the wider community from 4 March to 7 April 2026, alongside the Open Spaces Strategy and Bylaw. The feedback received through this period on the Brothel Location Bylaw is summarised within this document.

We received a total of 3 submissions, with no submitter indicating they would like to speak at the hearing on 28 April.

Brothel Location Bylaw

3.1 Do you support the draft Brothel Location Bylaw as proposed?

	Number of people	%
Support (Council's preferred Option)	2	66.67%
Partially Support	1	33.33%
Total	**3**	



Submitter name	Submitter comments	Staff comments
Support (Council's preferred Option)		
General		
5 - Brenda Franz	Keeping the lines of communication open so that the law is upheld, the workers rights are acknowledged but the community is protected is key.	Noted
Partially Support		
General		
16 - John McGirr	I agree with the changes in general for the location and operation of Brothels. You have a current Bylaw that does not restrict the location of small owner - operated brothels in the district plan - max 4 sex workers and they have control individually for their earnings. Reading the bylaw changes that you propose would bring this home run business, requiring to conform as per the larger operations as per the operative district plan. For the home business the current bylaw must stay as is with no changes. It may seem easier for ADC to have the same set of rules for everyone in the sex trade. If you restrict the one-person owner operator running a brothel from their home all that you will do is drive the issue underground - it will not go away and then you have little control. For example A person goes to the brothel, hands over the fee and then eats, roots, shoots and leaves versus the same sex worker being at a hotel for example meets another person and the payment is dining out and alcohol then goes home and puts the icing on the cake - payment being drink and food -	Noted Changes made are only for clarification Small Owner Operated Brothels are outside of the scope of this bylaw and there are no changes planned for SOOBs.

	could also include a little weed. They are both earnings how do you police that - does your bylaw only relate to those who pay currency - cash You state at present you have no issues and have no locations of any brothels etc - so that means you must not change a rule that is not broken.	

3.2 Do you have any other feedback or comments?

Total number of responses: 1

Submitter name	Submitter comments	Staff comments
General		
16 - John McGirr	**Question Comments**: Leave the Bylaw alone no issue now why make issues	Changes made are only for clarification