

PS17A – Holiday Houses : Health Advice



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Environmental Health Services

Before hiring your home out, you will need to address the following health considerations:

Onsite effluent disposal

If your property is not serviced by reticulated sewerage, it should not be assumed that the existing onsite effluent disposal system will have sufficient capacity for a house that will be used as a holiday home. You will need to check that your septic system is compliant with current standards. The Shire may have records that can show this or you may need to have your system assessed by a plumber. Please seek advice from the Shire's Environmental Health team prior to lodging an application for development approval.

Potable water

Water supplied to guests must be of a potable standard. If your property is in an area which is not serviced by scheme water, you will need to ensure that the water supply is potable. The easiest way to ensure potability is to install a filter. You can also [request water testing](#) and advice from the Environmental Health team.

Food

If you are providing food to guests, there are specific legal requirements. You will need to speak with an Environmental Health Officer and then lodge a [notification form](#) to register a food business in accordance with the *Food Act 2008*.

Pools and spas

Any water body (spa pool, swimming pool etc.) located at a temporary, short stay or holiday accommodation, operated as a business, is considered to be an aquatic facility under the *Health (Aquatic Facilities) Regulations 2007* and must comply with specific approval, construction and operational requirements. The [Department of Health](#) provides guidance for aquatic facilities in short term accommodation.

Contacts

For more information, contact the Shire on 9780 5255 and ask to speak to an Environmental Health Officer