

FACT SHEET

This factsheet provides guidance for businesses wishing to operate footpath dining or display goods on a local government controlled area or road within the Fraser Coast region.

What is Footpath Dining / Display of Goods?

These activities involve the commercial use of a Council-controlled footpath or roadside area, such as:

- placing dining tables, chairs, umbrellas, or café furniture
- displaying goods, racks, stands or merchandise in front of a business

These uses require approval because they occupy public space and may impact pedestrian access, safety and amenity.



Do I need Council Approval?

Yes. Approval is required for all footpath dining and display of goods activities under Schedule 7 – Commercial Use of Local Government Controlled Areas and Roads of *Subordinate Local Law No.1 (Administration)*.

Application Requirements

An application must include:

- any other permits/licences required for your business
- a description of all structures, furniture or equipment to be used
- (if applicable) description and registration number of any vehicle used in the activity

Application fees apply.

How Council Assesses Applications

Council will consider:

- whether the footpath or area is physically suitable
- any risk of nuisance or inconvenience to nearby occupants or pedestrians
- impacts on amenity and the surrounding area
- environmental impacts
- proximity to other commercial operators
- safety and condition of proposed furniture/equipment
- whether the public can still safely use the footpath
- provision of shade/shelter
- adequacy of waste management

Conditions That Apply to Approvals

If approval is granted, conditions may include:

- Access must be permitted to Council staff at all times
- Activities must only occur on approved days, times and locations
- The approval must be displayed if required
- All safety and nuisance-prevention measures must be followed
- Premises may be inspected by Council
- A clear emergency access point must be maintained

- The approved area must be kept clean and tidy
- Payment of all relevant fees or rental charges
- A valid \$20m Public Liability Insurance policy must be held
- Compliance with all workplace health & safety requirements

Pedestrian Clear Zones (Mandatory)

All footpath dining and display of goods operators must comply with the Pedestrian Clear Zone Standards Sheet, which is issued with your approval.

The Standards Sheet outlines mandatory requirements including:

- minimum pedestrian clear zone widths
- clearance at doorways, driveways, bus zones and crossings
- kerbside and vertical clearance requirements
- visibility standards at intersections

These standards must be followed at all times and form part of your approval conditions.



How to Obtain an Approval

To apply, submit the [Application Form – Commercial Use of a Local Government Controlled Area or Road](#) along with the required fee.

Additional Information

For more information about footpath dining or displaying goods, please feel free to reach out to the Council using any of the following methods:

- Visit the Trading on footpaths section on the website: <https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au>
- Contact us by phone at 1300 79 49 29.
- Send an email to: enquiry@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

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