



INFORMATION SHEET:

Dependent Person's Units

DEFINITION

A dependent person's unit is defined as a "moveable building on the same lot as an existing dwelling and used to provide accommodation for a person dependent on a resident of the existing dwelling." They are also sometimes known as "granny flats".

DO I NEED A PLANNING PERMIT FOR A DEPENDANT PERSON'S UNIT?

The criteria to be met include:

- is the building capable of being readily movable from one place to another?
- Will the building be occupied by a dependent person?
- There is no more than one dependent person's unit on the lot and Shire is satisfied that the building is considered to meet the definition of a dependent person's unit.

A dependent person is a person that is incapacitated by medical, economic or social disadvantage and is dependent on the person residing in the main dwelling for their accommodation.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

You must check for other controls before deciding to build a dependent person's unit including:

1. Check your copy of title for relevant covenants or restrictions.
2. Seek advice from Shire regarding the applicable planning controls (Zones and Overlays) which may impact on the development.
3. Apply for a building permit for the construction of the dependent person's unit.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If the above conditions are satisfied a planning permit may not be required. However, it is recommended that you contact the Pyrenees Shire Planning unit on 5329 1100 and speak with a Planning Officer to discuss your specific proposal.