

## 1,000 STANDARD PIG UNITS

Adopted 2018 changes allow 1,000 Standard Pig Units (any combination) with:

- a simplified permit process
- setbacks of 100m from a neighbouring house, and 400m from a residential zone
- no third party rights to notice, objection or VCAT.

Applies:

- All rural zones including Rural Conservation and Rural Living zones
- green wedge zones
- urban growth zones.

### Example of 1,000 SPU:

1,000 SPUs can be configured in many ways but based upon Table 1, could consist of:

150 lactating sows (375 SPU)  
50 boars (80 SPU)  
1,000 weaners (500 SPU)  
450 suckers (45 SPU)

**1,650 pigs Total (1,000 SPU)**

*Reducing the number of boars to 25 would free up 40 SPUs, allowing another 400 suckers (2,025 total pigs) or 80 weaners (1,705 total pigs).*

**Table 1: SPU Conversion factors** Page 8, PSAL pig farming permit guidelines, DELWP, June 2018

Pig Class	Mass Range (kg)	Age Range (weeks)	SPU Factor
Gilt	100 – 160	24 – 30	1.8
Boar	100 – 300	24 – 128	1.6
Gestating sow	160 – 230	–	1.6
Lactating sow	160 – 230	–	2.5
Sucker	1.4 – 8	0 – 4	0.1
Weaner	8 – 25	4 – 10	0.5
Grower	24 – 55	10 – 16	1.0
Finisher	55 – 100	16 – 24	1.6
Heavy Finisher	100 – 130	24 – 30	1.8

Adapted from the National Environmental Guidelines for Piggeries 2010