

11.0 Rural Living Zone

11.1 Zone Purpose

The purpose of the Rural Living Zone is:

- 11.1.1 To provide for residential use or development in a rural setting where:
- (a) services are limited; or
 - (b) existing natural and landscape values are to be retained.
- 11.1.2 To provide for compatible agricultural use and development that does not adversely impact on residential amenity.
- 11.1.3 To provide for other use or development that does not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity, through noise, scale, intensity, traffic generation and movement, or other off site impacts.
- 11.1.4 To provide for Visitor Accommodation that is compatible with residential character.

11.2 Use Table

Use Class	Qualification
No Permit Required	
Natural and Cultural Values Management	
Passive Recreation	
Residential	If for a single dwelling.
Resource Development	If for grazing.
Utilities	If for minor utilities.
Permitted	
Residential	If for a home-based business.
Visitor Accommodation	
Discretionary	
Business and Professional Services	If for a veterinary centre.
Community Meeting and Entertainment	If for a place of worship, art and craft centre or public hall.
Domestic Animal Breeding, Boarding or Training	

Use Class	Qualification
Education and Occasional Care	If for: (a) a childcare centre or primary school; or (b) an existing respite centre.
Emergency Services	
Food Services	If for a gross floor area of not more than 200m ² .
General Retail and Hire	If for: (a) primary produce sales; (b) sales related to Resource Development; or (c) a local shop.
Manufacturing and Processing	If for alterations or extensions to existing Manufacturing and Processing.
Resource Development	If: (a) not for intensive animal husbandry or plantation forestry; or (b) not listed as No Permit Required.
Resource Processing	If not for an abattoir, animal saleyards or sawmilling.
Sports and Recreation	If for an outdoor recreation facility.
Utilities	If not listed as No Permit Required.
Vehicle Fuel Sales and Service	
Prohibited	
All other uses	

11.3 Use Standards

11.3.1 Discretionary uses

Objective:	That Discretionary uses do not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity to adjacent sensitive uses.	
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria	
A1 Hours of operation for a use listed as Discretionary, excluding Emergency Services or Resource Development, must be within the hours of: (a) 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday; (b) 9.00am to 12.00 noon Saturday; and (c) nil on Sunday and public holidays.	P1 Hours of operation for a use listed as Discretionary, excluding Emergency Services or Resource Development, must not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity to adjacent sensitive uses, having regard to: (a) the timing, duration or extent of vehicle movements; and	

	(b) noise, lighting or other emissions.
<p>A2</p> <p>External lighting for a use listed as Discretionary:</p> <p>(a) must be within the hours of 7.00pm to 7.00am, excluding any security lighting; and</p> <p>(b) security lighting must be baffled so that direct light does not extend into the adjoining property.</p>	<p>P2</p> <p>External lighting for a use listed as Discretionary, must not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity to adjacent sensitive uses, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the number of proposed light sources and their intensity;</p> <p>(b) the location of the proposed light sources;</p> <p>(c) the topography of the site; and</p> <p>(d) any existing light sources.</p>
<p>A3</p> <p>Commercial vehicle movements and the unloading and loading of commercial vehicles for a use listed as Discretionary, excluding Emergency Services, must be within the hours of:</p> <p>(a) 7.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday;</p> <p>(b) 9.00am to 12 noon Saturday; and</p> <p>(c) nil on Sunday and public holidays.</p>	<p>P3</p> <p>Commercial vehicle movements and the unloading and loading of commercial vehicles for a use listed as Discretionary, excluding Emergency Services, must not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity to adjacent sensitive uses, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the extent and timing of traffic generation;</p> <p>(b) the dispatch of goods and materials; and</p> <p>(c) the existing levels of amenity.</p>

11.3.2 Visitor Accommodation

Objective:	That Visitor Accommodation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is compatible with the character and use of the area; (b) does not cause an unreasonable loss of residential amenity; and (c) does not impact the safety and efficiency of local roads or rights of way.
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
<p>A1</p> <p>Visitor Accommodation must:</p> <p>(a) accommodate guests in existing habitable buildings; and</p> <p>(b) have a gross floor area of not more than 200m² per lot.</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>Visitor Accommodation must be compatible with the character and use of the area and not cause an unreasonable loss of residential amenity, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the privacy of adjoining properties;</p> <p>(b) any likely increase in noise to adjoining properties;</p> <p>(c) the scale of the use and its compatibility with the surrounding character and uses within the</p>

	<p>area;</p> <p>(d) retaining the primary residential function of an area;</p> <p>(e) the impact on the safety and efficiency of the local road network; and</p> <p>(f) any impact on the owners and users rights of way.</p>
<p>A1</p> <p>Visitor Accommodation is not for a strata lot that is part of a strata scheme where another strata lot within that strata scheme is used for a residential use.</p>	<p>P2</p> <p>Visitor Accommodation within a strata scheme must not cause an unreasonable loss of residential amenity to long term residents occupying other strata lots within the strata scheme, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the privacy of residents;</p> <p>(b) any likely increase in noise;</p> <p>(c) the residential function of the strata scheme;</p> <p>(d) the location and layout of the strata lots;</p> <p>(e) the extent and nature of any other non-residential uses; and</p> <p>(f) any impact on shared access and common property.</p>

11.4 Development Standards for Buildings and Works

11.4.1 Site coverage

Objective:	That the site coverage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is compatible with the character of existing development in the area; and (b) assists with the management of stormwater runoff.
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
<p>A1</p> <p>The site coverage must be not more than 400m².</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>The site coverage must be consistent with that existing on established properties in the area, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the topography of the site; (b) the capacity of the site to absorb runoff; (c) the size and shape of the site; (d) the existing buildings and any constraints imposed by existing development;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (e) the need to remove vegetation; and (f) the character of development existing on established properties in the area.
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11.4.2 Building height, setback and siting

Objective:	That height, setback and siting of buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is compatible with the character of the area; (b) does not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity; (c) minimises the impact on the natural values of the area; and (d) minimises the impact on adjacent uses.
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
<p>A1</p> <p>Building height must be not more than 8.5m.</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>Building height must be compatible with the character of the area and not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity to adjoining properties having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the topography of the site; (b) the height, bulk and form of existing buildings on the site and adjoining properties; (c) the bulk and form of proposed buildings; (d) sunlight to habitable rooms and private open space in adjoining properties; and (e) any overshadowing of adjoining properties or public places.
<p>A2</p> <p>Buildings must have a setback from a frontage of not less than 20m.</p>	<p>P2</p> <p>Buildings must be sited to be compatible with the character of the area, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the topography of the site; (b) the setbacks of adjacent buildings; (c) the height, bulk and form of existing and proposed buildings; (d) the appearance when viewed from roads and public places; and (e) the retention of vegetation.
<p>A3</p> <p>Buildings must have a setback from side and rear boundaries of not less than 10m.</p>	<p>P3</p> <p>Buildings must be sited to not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity to adjoining properties, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the topography of the site;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) the size, shape and orientation of the site; (c) the setbacks of surrounding buildings; (d) the height bulk and form of existing and proposed buildings; (e) the character of the development existing on established properties in the area; and (f) any overshadowing of adjoining properties or public places.
<p>A4</p> <p>Buildings for a sensitive use must be separated from an Agriculture Zone or Rural Zone a distance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) not less than 200m; or (b) if the setback of an existing building is within 200m, not less than the existing building. 	<p>P4</p> <p>Buildings for a sensitive use must be sited so as to not conflict or interfere with uses in the Agriculture Zone or Rural Zone, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the size, shape and topography of the site; (b) the separation of any existing buildings for sensitive uses on adjoining properties; (c) the existing and potential use of adjoining properties; (d) any proposed attenuation measures; and (e) any buffers created by natural or other features.

11.5 Development Standards for Subdivision

11.5.1 Lot design

Objective:	<p>That each lot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) has an area and dimensions appropriate for use and development in the zone; (b) is provided with appropriate access to a road; and (c) contains areas which are suitable for residential development.
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
<p>A1</p> <p>Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) have an area not less than specified in Table 11.1 and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) be able to contain a minimum area of 15m x 20m clear of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. all setbacks required by clause 11.4.2 A2 and A3; and b. easements or other title restrictions that limit or restrict development; and (ii) existing buildings are consistent with the setback required by clause 11.4.2 A2 and A3; (b) be required for public use by the Crown, a council or a State authority; (c) be required for the provision of Utilities; or (d) be for the consolidation of a lot with another lot provided each lot is within the same zone. 	<p>P1</p> <p>Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, excluding for public open space, a riparian or littoral reserve or Utilities, must have sufficient useable area and dimensions suitable for its intended use, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the relevant requirements for development of existing buildings on the lots; (b) the intended location of buildings on the lots; (c) the topography of the site; (d) any natural or landscape values; (e) adequate provision of private open space; and (f) the pattern of development existing on established properties in the area, <p>and must be no more than 20% smaller than the applicable lot size required by clause 11.5.1 A1.</p>
<p>A2</p> <p>Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, excluding for public open space, a riparian or littoral reserve or Utilities, must have a frontage not less than 40m.</p>	<p>P2</p> <p>Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, must be provided with a frontage or legal connection to a road by a right of carriageway, that is sufficient for the intended use, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the width of frontage proposed, if any; (b) the number of other lots which have the land subject to the right of carriageway as their sole or principal means of access; (c) the topography of the site; (d) the functionality and useability of the frontage;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (e) the ability to manoeuvre vehicles on the site; and (f) the pattern of development existing on established properties in the area, and is not less than 3.6m wide.
<p>A3</p> <p>Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, must be provided with a vehicular access from the boundary of the lot to a road in accordance with the requirements of the road authority.</p>	<p>P3</p> <p>Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, must be provided with reasonable vehicular access to a boundary of a lot or building area on the lot, if any, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the topography of the site; (b) the length of the access; (c) the distance between the lot or building area and the carriageway; (d) the nature of the road and the traffic; (e) the anticipated nature of vehicles likely to access the site; and (f) the ability for emergency services to access the site.

Table 11.1 Rural Living Zone minimum lot sizes

Rural Living Zone A	1ha
Rural Living Zone B	2ha
Rural Living Zone C	5ha
Rural Living Zone D	10ha

11.5.2 Roads

<p>Objective:</p>	<p>That the arrangement of new roads with a subdivision provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) safe, convenient and efficient connections to assist accessibility and mobility of the community; (b) adequate accommodation of vehicular, pedestrian, cycling and public transport traffic; and (c) the efficient ultimate subdivision of the entirety of the land and of surrounding land.
<p>Acceptable Solutions</p>	<p>Performance Criteria</p>
<p>A1</p> <p>The subdivision includes no new roads.</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>The arrangement and construction of roads within a subdivision must provide an appropriate level of access, connectivity, safety, convenience and legibility for vehicles, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any relevant road network plan adopted by the council; (b) the existing and proposed road hierarchy; (c) maximising connectivity with the surrounding road network; (d) appropriate access to public transport; and (e) access for pedestrians and cyclists.

11.5.3 Services

Objective:	That the subdivision of land provides services for the future use and development of the land.	
Acceptable Solutions		Performance Criteria
<p>A1</p> <p>Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, excluding for public open space, a riparian or littoral reserve or Utilities, must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be connected to a full water supply service if the frontage of the lot is within 30m of a full water supply service; or (b) be connected to a limited water supply service if the frontage of the lot is within 30m of a limited water supply service, <p>unless a regulated entity advises that the lot is unable to be connected to the relevant water supply service.</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>No Performance Criterion.</p>	
<p>A2</p> <p>Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, excluding within Rural Living Zone C or Rural Living Zone D or for public open space, a riparian or littoral reserve or Utilities, must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be connected to a reticulated sewerage system; or (b) be connected to a reticulated sewerage system if the frontage of each lot is within 30m of a reticulated sewerage system and can be connected by gravity feed. 	<p>P2</p> <p>Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, excluding within Rural Living Zone C or Rural Living Zone D or for public open space, a riparian or littoral reserve or Utilities, must be capable of accommodating an on-site wastewater treatment system adequate for the future use and development of the land.</p>	