

20.0 Rural Zone

20.1 Zone Purpose

The purpose of the Rural Zone is:

20.1.1 To provide for a range of use or development in a rural location:

- (a) where agricultural use is limited or marginal due to topographical, environmental or other site or regional characteristics;
- (b) that requires a rural location for operational reasons;
- (c) is compatible with agricultural use if occurring on agricultural land;
- (d) minimises adverse impacts on surrounding uses.

20.1.2 To minimise conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural use.

20.1.3 To ensure that use or development is of a scale and intensity that is appropriate for a rural location and does not compromise the function of surrounding settlements.

20.2 Use Table

Use Class	Qualification
No Permit Required	
Natural and Cultural Values Management	
Passive Recreation	
Resource Development	
Utilities	If for minor utilities.
Permitted	
Business and Professional Services	If for: (a) a veterinary centre; or (b) an agribusiness consultant or agricultural consultant.
Domestic Animal Breeding, Boarding or Training	
Educational and Occasional Care	If associated with Resource Development or Resource Processing.
Emergency Services	

Use Class	Qualification
Extractive Industry	
Food Services	If associated with Resource Development or Resource Processing.
General Retail and Hire	If associated with Resource Development or Resource Processing.
Manufacturing and Processing	If for the processing of materials from Extractive Industry.
Pleasure Boat Facility	If for a boat ramp.
Research and Development	If associated with Resource Development or Resource Processing.
Residential	If for: (a) a home-based business in an existing dwelling; or (b) alterations or extensions to an existing dwelling.
Resource Processing	
Storage	If for: (a) a contractors yard; (b) freezing and cooling storage; (c) grain storage; (d) a liquid, solid or gas fuel depot; or (e) a woodyard.
Utilities	If not listed as No Permit Required.
Visitor Accommodation	If for guests accommodated within an existing building.
Discretionary	
Bulky Goods Sales	If for: (a) a supplier for Extractive Industry, Resource Development or Resource Processing; (b) a garden and landscaping materials supplier; (c) a timber yard; or (d) rural supplies.
Business and Professional Services	If not listed as Permitted.
Community Meeting and Entertainment	
Crematoria and Cemeteries	

Use Class	Qualification
Custodial Facility	
Educational and Occasional Care	If not listed as Permitted.
Food Services	If not listed as Permitted.
General Retail and Hire	If not listed as Permitted.
Manufacturing and Processing	If not listed as Permitted.
Motor Racing Facility	
Pleasure Boat Facility	If not listed as Permitted.
Recycling and Waste Disposal	
Research and Development	If not listed as Permitted.
Residential	If for a single dwelling and not restricted by an existing agreement under section 71 of the Act.
Service Industry	If associated with Extractive Industry, Resource Development or Resource Processing.
Sports and Recreation	
Storage	If not listed as Permitted.
Tourist Operation	
Transport Depot and Distribution	
Visitor Accommodation	If not listed as Permitted.
Prohibited	
All other uses	

20.3 Use Standards

20.3.1 Discretionary use

Objective:	That the location, scale and intensity of a use listed as Discretionary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is required for operational reasons; (b) does not unreasonably confine or restrain the operation of uses on adjoining properties; (c) is compatible with agricultural use and sited to minimise conversion of agricultural land; and (d) is appropriate for a rural location and does not compromise the function of surrounding settlements.
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
<p>A1</p> <p>A use listed as Discretionary, excluding Residential, is for an alteration or extension to an existing use, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the gross floor area does not increase by more than 30% from that existing at the effective date; and (b) the development area does not increase by more than 30% from that existing at the effective date. 	<p>P1</p> <p>A use listed as Discretionary, excluding Residential, must require a rural location for operational reasons, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the nature, scale and intensity of the use; (b) the importance or significance of the proposed use for the local community; (c) whether the use supports an existing agricultural use; (d) whether the use requires close proximity to infrastructure or natural resources; and (e) whether the use requires separation from other uses to minimise impacts.
<p>A2</p> <p>No Acceptable Solution.</p>	<p>P2</p> <p>A use listed as Discretionary must not confine or restrain existing use on adjoining properties, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the location of the proposed use; (b) the nature, scale and intensity of the use; (c) the likelihood and nature of any adverse impacts on adjoining uses; (d) whether the proposed use is required to support a use for security or operational reasons; and (e) any off site impacts from adjoining uses.
<p>A3</p> <p>No Acceptable Solution.</p>	<p>P3</p> <p>A use listed as Discretionary, located on agricultural land, must minimise conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural use and be compatible with</p>

	<p>agricultural use, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the nature, scale and intensity of the use; (b) the local or regional significance of the agricultural land; and (c) whether agricultural use on adjoining properties will be confined or restrained.
<p>A4 No Acceptable Solution.</p>	<p>P4 A use listed as Discretionary, excluding Residential, must be appropriate for a rural location, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the nature, scale and intensity of the proposed use; (b) whether the use will compromise or distort the activity centre hierarchy; (c) whether the use could reasonably be located on land zoned for that purpose; (d) the capacity of the local road network to accommodate the traffic generated by the use; and (e) whether the use requires a rural location to minimise impacts from the use, such as noise, dust and lighting.

20.4 Development Standards for Buildings and Works

20.4.1 Building height

Objective:	To provide for a building height that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is necessary for the operation of the use; and (b) minimises adverse impacts on adjoining properties.
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
<p>A1 Building height must be not more than 12m.</p>	<p>P1 Building height must be necessary for the operation of the use and not cause an unreasonable impact on adjoining properties, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the proposed height of the building; (b) the bulk and form of the building; (c) the separation from existing uses on adjoining properties; and (d) any buffers created by natural or other features.

20.4.2 Setbacks

Objective:	That the siting of buildings minimises potential conflict with use on adjoining sites.	
Acceptable Solutions		Performance Criteria
<p>A1</p> <p>Buildings must have a setback from all boundaries of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) not less than 5m; or (b) if the setback of an existing building is within 5m, not less than the existing building. 	<p>P1</p> <p>Buildings must be sited to provide adequate vehicle access and not cause an unreasonable impact on existing use on adjoining properties, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the bulk and form of the building; (b) the nature of existing use on the adjoining properties; (c) separation from existing use on the adjoining properties; and (d) any buffers created by natural or other features. 	
<p>A2</p> <p>Buildings for a sensitive use must be separated from an Agriculture Zone a distance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) not less than 200m; or (b) if an existing building for a sensitive use on the site is within 200m of that boundary, not less than the existing building. 	<p>P2</p> <p>Buildings for a sensitive use must be sited so as not to conflict or interfere with an agricultural use within the Agriculture Zone, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the size, shape and topography of the site; (b) the prevailing setbacks of any existing buildings for sensitive uses on adjoining properties; (c) the location of existing buildings on the site; (d) the existing and potential use of adjoining properties; (e) any proposed attenuation measures; and (f) any buffers created by natural or other features. 	

20.4.3 Access for new dwellings

Objective:	That new dwellings have appropriate vehicular access to a road maintained by a road authority.	
Acceptable Solutions		Performance Criteria
<p>A1</p> <p>New dwellings must be located on lots that have frontage with access to a road maintained by a road authority.</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>New dwellings must have legal access, by right of carriageway, to a road maintained by a road authority that is appropriate, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the number of users of the access; (b) the length of the access; (c) the suitability of the access for use by the occupants of the dwelling; (d) the suitability of the access for emergency services vehicles; (e) the topography of the site; (f) the construction and maintenance of the access; (g) the construction, maintenance and usage of the road; and (h) any advice from a road authority. 	

20.5 Development Standards for Subdivision

20.5.1 Lot design

Objective:	To provide for subdivision that: (a) relates to public use, irrigation or Utilities; or (b) facilitates use and development for allowable uses in the zone.
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) be required for public use by the Crown, a council or a State authority; (b) be required for the provision of Utilities or irrigation infrastructure; (c) be for the consolidation of a lot with another lot provided each lot is within the same zone; or (d) be not less than 40ha with a frontage of no less than 25m and existing buildings are consistent with the setback and separation distance required by clause 20.4.2 A1 and A2. 	<p>P1</p> <p>Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) have sufficient useable area and dimensions suitable for the intended purpose, excluding Residential or Visitor Accommodation, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) requires the rural location for operational reasons; (ii) minimises the conversion of agricultural land for a non-agricultural use; (iii) minimises adverse impacts on non-sensitive uses on adjoining properties; and (iv) is appropriate for a rural location; or (b) be for the excision of an existing dwelling or Visitor Accommodation that satisfies all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the balance lot provides for the sustainable operation of a Resource Development use, having regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. not materially diminishing the agricultural productivity of the land; b. the capacity of the balance lot for productive agricultural use; and c. any topographical constraints to agricultural use; (ii) an agreement under section 71 of the Act is entered into and registered on the title preventing future Residential use if there is no dwelling on the balance lot;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) the existing dwelling or Visitor Accommodation must meet the setbacks required by subclause 20.4.2 A2 or P2 in relation to setbacks to new boundaries; (iv) it is demonstrated that the new lot will not unreasonably confine or restrain the operation of any adjoining site used for agricultural use; and <p>(c) 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"> (i) the number of other lots which have the land subject to the right of carriageway as their sole or principal means of access; (ii) the topography of the site; (iii) the functionality and useability of the frontage; (iv) the anticipated nature of vehicles likely to access the site; (v) the ability to manoeuvre vehicles on the site; (vi) the ability for emergency services to access the site; and (vii) the pattern of development existing on established properties in the area.
<p>A2</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>P2</p> <p>Each lot, or a lot proposed in a plan of subdivision, is 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 distance between the lot or building area and the carriageway; (c) the nature of the road and the traffic, including pedestrians; and (d) the pattern of development existing on established properties in the area.