

### 6.7.3 Rural zone code

#### 6.7.3.1 Application

This code applies to assessing material change of use, reconfiguring a lot, and building work development in the Rural zone.

When using this code, reference should be made to section 5.3.2 and, where applicable, section 5.3.3, in Part 5.

#### 6.7.3.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Rural zone is to—

- (a) provide for rural uses and activities; and
- (b) provide for other uses and activities that are compatible with—
  - (i) existing and future rural uses and activities; and
  - (ii) the character and environmental features of the zone; and
- (c) maintain the capacity of land for rural uses and activities by protecting and managing significant natural resources and processes.

The purpose of the code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:

- (1) Development provides for a range of *rural activities*.
- (2) Development conserves areas of primary production.
- (3) Development reflects and enhances the rural character of the area.
- (4) Development within the zone preserves the environment by enhancing and responding to the environmental and topographical features of the land whilst integrating an appropriate scale of rural activities and amongst these features.
- (5) *Residential activities* are supported where they are associated with and ancillary to rural activities.
- (6) The viability of both existing and future rural activities is protected from the establishment of incompatible uses.
- (7) Activities that may require isolation from urban areas as a consequence of their impacts, such as noise or odour, may be appropriate where land use conflicts are minimised.
- (8) Low impact activities such as small-scale eco-tourism and outdoor sport and recreation are supported within the zone where the impacts of such uses can be minimised.
- (9) Home based businesses may operate within the Rural zone, where they have negligible impacts on surrounding land uses.
- (10) Development incorporates and facilitates sustainable practices including maximising energy efficiency and water conservation appropriate to Mount Isa's semi-arid environment.
- (11) Development is appropriately designed and located to be responsive to the environmental constraints of the land, including but not limited to natural topography, bushfire and flooding.
- (12) Development maintains and enhances rural amenity and does not result in adverse impacts on adjacent properties from, noise, dust, odour, lighting and other locally specific impacts.
- (13) Visual impacts of clearing, building design and construction, materials, access ways and other aspects of development and land use are consistent with the Zone purpose.
- (14) Natural features such as creeks, gullies, waterways, wetlands and vegetation are protected from the impacts of development.
- (15) Development is provided with appropriate infrastructure and services.
- (16) Development of Non-resident work force accommodation is temporary, maintains small footprint and is located close to Mount Isa.