

6.7.4 Rural residential zone code

6.7.4.1 Application

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

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

6.7.4.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Rural residential zone is to provide for residential uses and activities on large lots, including lots for which the local government has not provided infrastructure and services.

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

- (1) Development provides for and supports single detached dwellings on large lots, with limited provision of infrastructure and services.
- (2) Development reflects and enhances the rural and rural residential character of the area.
- (3) 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 *residential activities* amongst these features.
- (4) Development avoids areas of ecological significance.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Home based businesses may operate within the Rural residential zone, but are limited to small-scale activities that have negligible impacts on surrounding land uses.
- (7) Development maintains and enhances rural residential amenity and does not result in adverse impacts from, noise, dust, odour, lighting and other locally specific impacts.
- (8) Development incorporates and facilitates sustainable practices including maximising energy efficiency and water conservation appropriate to Mount Isa's semi-arid environment.
- (9) 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.
- (10) Natural features such as creeks, gullies, waterways, wetlands and vegetation are protected from the impacts of development.
- (11) Development is provided with appropriate infrastructure and services.