

Part 6. Zones

6.1 Preliminary

- (1) Zones organise the planning scheme area in a way that facilitates the location of preferred or acceptable land uses.
- (2) Zones are mapped and included in Schedule 2.
- (3) The categories of development and assessment for development in a zone are in Part 5.
- (4) Assessment benchmarks for zones are contained in a zone code.
- (5) A precinct may be identified as part of a zone.
- (6) Precinct provisions are contained in the zone code and/or local plan code.
- (7) Each zone code identifies the following:
 - (a) the purpose of the code
 - (b) the overall outcomes that achieve the purpose of the code
 - (c) the performance outcomes that achieve the overall outcomes and the purpose of the code
 - (d) the acceptable outcomes that achieve the performance and overall outcomes and the purpose of the code
 - (e) the performance and acceptable outcomes for the precinct.
- (8) The following are the zone codes for the planning scheme:

Rural and Residential zones

Rural zone code

Rural residential zone code

General residential zone code

(i) Central living precinct

Township zone code

Centres zones

Principle centre zone code

Major centre zone code

District centre zone code

Industry zone

Industry zone code

(i) Airport precinct

Community zones

Community facilities zone code

Recreation and open space zone code

6.2 Zone codes

The following table describes the purpose of each of the planning scheme zones.

Table 6.2.1: Zone names and purpose statements

RURAL ZONE	
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the rural zone is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provide for rural uses and activities; (b) provide for other uses and activities that are compatible with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) existing and future rural uses and activities; and (ii) the character and environmental features of the zone; and (c) maintain the capacity of the land for rural uses and activities by protecting and managing significant natural resources and processes.
RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE	
Purpose	<p>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.</p>
GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE	
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the general residential zone is to provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) residential uses; and (b) community uses, and small-scale services, facilities and infrastructure, to support local residents.
TOWNSHIP ZONE	
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the township zone is to provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) small to medium urban areas in a rural or coastal area; (b) a variety of uses and activities to service local residents, including, for example, business, community, education, industrial, open space, recreation, residential or retail uses or activities; and (c) tourist attractions and short-term accommodation, if appropriate for the area.
PRINCIPAL CENTRE ZONE	
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the principal centre zone is to provide a for a large variety of uses and activities, including, for example, administrative, business, community, cultural, entertainment, professional, residential or retail activities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) form the core of an urban area; and (b) service the local government area.
MAJOR CENTRE ZONE	
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the major centre zone is to provide for a large variety of uses and activities to service a part of the local government area, including, for example, administrative, business, community, cultural, entertainment, professional, residential or retail uses or activities.</p>

DISTRICT CENTRE ZONE	
Purpose	The purpose of the district centre zone is to provide for a large variety of uses and activities to service a district of the local government area, including, for example, administrative, business, community, cultural, entertainment, professional, residential or retail uses or activities.
INDUSTRY ZONE	
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the industry zone is to provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a variety of industry activities; and b) other uses and activities that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) support industry activities; and (ii) do not compromise the future use of premises for industry activities.
COMMUNITY FACILITIES ZONE	
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the community facilities zone is to provide for community-related uses, activities and facilities, whether publicly or privately owned, including, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) educational establishments; (b) hospitals; (c) transport and telecommunication networks; and (d) utility installations.
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ZONE	
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the recreation and open space zone is to provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a variety of cultural, educational, leisure, recreation and sporting uses and activities, including, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) parks, playgrounds or playing fields for the use of residents and visitors; (ii) parks, or other areas, for the conservation of natural areas; and (iii) facilities and infrastructure to support the uses and activities stated in paragraph (a).