

6.2.2 Conservation Zone Code



6.2.2.1 Application

This code applies to development:

- (1) within the Conservation Zone as identified on the zone maps contained in **Schedule 2 Mapping**; and
- (2) identified as requiring assessment against the Conservation Zone Code by the tables of assessment in **Part 5 Tables of Assessment**.

6.2.2.2 Purpose and Overall Outcomes

- (1) The purpose of the Conservation Zone is to provide for the management, protection and restoration of areas that support one or more of the following:
 - (a) biological diversity;
 - (b) ecological integrity;
 - (c) naturally occurring landforms;
 - (d) coastal processes.
- (2) The purpose of the Conservation Zone Code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:
 - (a) **Development:**
 - (i) minimises impacts on the natural environment and complements the bushland and natural landscape setting;
 - (ii) supports the management, protection and restoration of land of significant environmental value and natural landscape value and where in public ownership, facilitate the enjoyment of conservation areas by visitors;
 - (iii) maintains a high level of amenity;
 - (b) **Land uses:**
 - (i) are intended to facilitate the conservation, interpretation, restoration and appreciation of areas of significant environmental value and natural landscape value;
 - (ii) can include Environment facility and Nature-based tourism only where impacts on the natural environment are minimised;
 - (iii) involving *residential activities* are limited to Caretaker's accommodation;
 - (iv) can include Telecommunications facility only where the use cannot be located in another nearby zone and the use minimises impacts on the natural environment;
 - (v) include the uses listed as a consistent use in column 1 of **Table 6.2.2.2.1 Consistent Uses in the Conservation Zone**;
 - (vi) where not listed in **Table 6.2.2.2.1 Consistent Uses in the Conservation Zone** are inconsistent uses and are not intended to occur in the zone;
 - (c) **Character:**

- (i) consists of areas of undeveloped land having significant environmental value and natural landscape value;
- (ii) involves buildings and infrastructure that support the management, interpretation and the enjoyment of natural areas by visitors where they integrate with and protect the significant environmental values and landscape character of the zone;
- (d) **Built form:**
 - (i) complements the bushland and natural landscape setting;
 - (ii) is located and designed to:
 - (A) protect areas of significant environmental value;
 - (B) minimise the removal of vegetation and natural habitat areas;
 - (C) minimise modifications to the natural landform;
- (e) **Lot design:**
 - (i) prevents the fragmentation of conservation land by preventing the creation of additional lots.

Table 6.2.2.2.1 - Consistent Uses in the Conservation Zone

Column 1 Consistent Uses	Column 2 Potentially Consistent Uses
Recreational Activities	
Park	
Tourism Activities	
Environment facility Nature-based tourism (where involving an extension to an existing Nature-based tourism)	Nature-based tourism*
Residential Activities	
Caretaker's accommodation	
Rural Activities	
Permanent plantation Animal husbandry	
Infrastructure Activities	
Telecommunications facility	

[* other than as specified in column 1](#)

6.2.2.3 Assessment Benchmarks

Table 6.2.2.3.1—Assessable Development

Performance Outcomes	Acceptable Outcomes						
Setbacks							
PO1 Building setbacks: (1) minimise the visual dominance of buildings when viewed from the road and adjoining land; and (2) reflect the low intensity character of the zone. <i>Note - Where setbacks are required in this code or other codes, the higher numerical standard prevails.</i>	AO1 Building setbacks are as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Setback</th><th>Minimum Distances Measured in Metres (m)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Street frontage</td><td>10m</td></tr> <tr> <td>Side and rear boundary</td><td>10m</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <i>Note - Where setbacks are required in this code or other codes, the higher numerical standard prevails.</i>	Setback	Minimum Distances Measured in Metres (m)	Street frontage	10m	Side and rear boundary	10m
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Street frontage	10m						
Side and rear boundary	10m						
Height							
PO2	AO2						

Performance Outcomes	Acceptable Outcomes
Development height is low-rise to complement the natural landscape setting.	Development height does not exceed 2 storeys with a maximum height of 8.5m.
Built Form and Urban Design	
P03 Built form: (1) is small scale and designed to complement the natural landscape setting; (2) minimises or avoids excavation and fill, or other modifications to the natural landform; (3) is below tree height when viewed from roads; and (4) is designed to reflect the natural character of the zone, with the use of: (a) timber or natural materials; (b) soft natural exterior colours; and (c) patterns and textures.	A03 No Acceptable Outcome is prescribed.
P04 Development contributes to the rehabilitation of degraded areas.	A04 No Acceptable Outcome is prescribed.
Land Uses	
P05 Tourism activities are: (1) limited to Environment facility and Nature based tourism; and (2) located and designed to minimise impacts on the natural environment.	A05 No Acceptable Outcome is prescribed.
P06 A Telecommunications facility: (1) demonstrates the use cannot be practically located in another nearby zone; and (2) is designed and located to minimise impacts on the natural environment.	A06 No Acceptable Outcome is prescribed.
Reconfiguration of a Lot	
P07 No additional lots are created.	A07 No Acceptable Outcome is prescribed.