# How do I determine a level of assessment for Material Change of Use

The following steps determine the level of assessment for a use (a Material Change of Use) under the planning scheme:



# 1. Find my zone

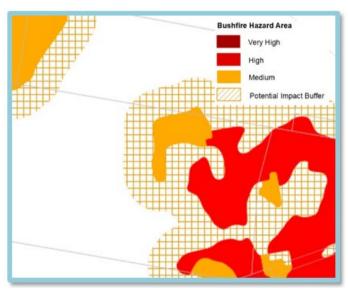
Locate the property using the Online Mapping tool on Council's website. A copy of the PDF maps can also be found in the planning scheme documentation in **Schedule 2 Mapping.** The zone legend that corresponds with the mapped colour will indicate the zone of the property. If the land is contained within a purple line, it indicates that a precinct also applies.



# 2. Check for any overlays that may apply

Overlay maps, also found by using the Online Mapping tool or referring to the PDFs in **Schedule 2 Mapping**, will indicate if a property, or part of a property, is affected by an overlay or several overlays. Mapped constraints and values may include, for example, bushfire, flood and vegetation. An overlay may affect the level of assessment.

**Note** - where a property is partially affected by an overlay, if development is located completely outside the mapped area, the development is not affected by that overlay (e.g. white areas below are outside the Bushfire Hazard Area and these white areas are not affected by the Bushfire Hazard Overlay).



## 3. What is my "use"?

**Schedule 1 Definitions** provides a list of over 90 defined uses. Where development does not fit one of these defined uses, it is considered to be an "undefined use". Columns 3 and 4 of the use definitions assist by providing examples of what is or is not included in the definition.

Regulated requirements		Guidance	
Column 1 Use	Column 2 Definition	Column 3 Examples include	Column 4 Does not include the following examples
Market	Means the use of premises on a regular basis for -  (a) Selling goods to the public mainly from temporary structures (stalls, booths or trestle tables, for example); or  (b) Providing entertainment if the use is ancillary to the use in paragraph (a).	Flea market, farmers market, car boot sales	Shop, Roadside stall

#### 4. Tables of Assessment

**FIRSTLY**, go to the appropriate zone table in **Part 5 Tables of Assessment** and find the defined Use.

Use	Categories of development and assessment	Assessment benchmarks for assessable development and requirements for accepted development
Community use Accepted		
	If: (1) Located in an existing commercial building; and (2) Not involving building work (other than minor building work).	Not applicable
	Code assessment	
	If not Accepted	Township Zone Code Earthworks, Construction and Water Quality Code General Development provisions Code Infrastructure Design Code Landscaping Code Parking and Access Code

In this example, the use (Community use) is **accepted** development with no requirements to meet any assessment benchmarks (see the third column). Provided it meets both qualifiers (1) **and** (2), planning approval is not required. If it does not meet the qualifiers in (1) and (2), the use is **code assessable** and would need a development application that is assessed against the assessment benchmarks (i.e. the codes) listed in the third column.

**Note** - If you cannot find your use listed in the zone, the use is **impact** assessable and planning approval will be required.

**SECONDLY**, check the tables of assessment in **Section 5.10** for any overlays that apply. Generally, the higher level of assessment will prevail.

#### Levels of assessment

exempt clearing

Accepted development is development that does not require planning approval. Example of accepted development in a table of assessment for a zone. Assessment benchmarks for Categories of assessable Use development and development and assessment requirements for accepted development Community Accepted residence Not applicable Example of accepted development in a table of assessment for an overlav. Assessment benchmarks for Categories of assessable Use development and development and assessment requirements for accepted development Material Change of Accepted Not applicable Use where involving

Accepted subject to requirements is development that does not require planning approval <u>provided</u> that the development can meet all the relevant assessment benchmarks (i.e. the codes) identified in the planning scheme. If development does not meet all codes, an application for **code assessable development** is required and it is only assessed against the specific outcomes that are not met.

Example of accepted subject to requirements in a table of assessment for a zone.

Use	Categories of development and assessment	benchmarks for assessable development and requirements for accepted development
Dwelling unit	Accepted subject to requirements	
	If located above the ground storey or behind a Commercial activity	Parking and Access Code

Example of **accepted subject to requirements** in a table of assessment for an overlay.

Use	Categories of development and assessment	Assessment benchmarks for assessable development and requirements for accepted development
Material Change of Use in the:	Accepted subject to requirements	Airport Environs and Defence Land Overlay
(1) Height Restriction Zone; or		Code
(2) Wildlife Buffer Area; or		
(3) Building Restricted Area		

Example of **accepted subject to requirements** in a table of assessment for an overlay.

Use	Categories of development and assessment	Assessment benchmarks for assessable development and requirements for accepted development
Material Change of Use in the: (4) Height Restriction Zone; or	Accepted subject to requirements	Airport Environs and Defence Land Overlay Code
<ul><li>(5) Wildlife Buffer Area; or</li><li>(6) Building Restricted Area</li></ul>		

Assessable development is development that requires an application to be submitted to Council for assessment. There are two types of assessable development: code assessable development; and impact assessable development. Code assessable development is assessed against the relevant assessment benchmarks (i.e. the codes) identified in the planning scheme and does not involve public notification. Impact assessable development is assessed against the whole of the planning scheme, including the strategic framework (Part 3). It also involves public notification.

Example of **code assessable** and **impact assessable** in a table of assessment for a zone.

Use	Categories of development and assessment	Assessment benchmarks for assessable development and requirements for accepted development
Telecommunications	Code assessment	
facility		Telecommunications Facility Code Earthworks, Construction and Water Quality Code General Development Provisions Code
Impact assessment		
Any other use not listed in the table		The Planning Scheme
Any other use in this table and not meeting the description listed in the categories of development and assessment column  Any other undefined use		

Example of **code assessable** in a table of assessment for an overlay.

Use	Categories of development and assessment	Assessment benchmarks for assessable development and requirements for accepted development
Material Change of Use where not Accepted Development and for any other use in a Flood Hazard Area	Code assessment	Flood Hazard Overlay Code

### **Assessment Benchmarks**

The third column in the tables of assessment lists the assessment benchmarks for development identified as assessable development and development that is accepted subject to requirements. In this column you will find the list of codes that are applicable to the proposed development and these would need to be addressed if a planning approval is required.

Impact assessable development is assessed against the whole planning scheme, including **Part 3 Strategic Framework**.

#### **Related Information**

The following related factsheets can be found here: <a href="https://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/homepage/138/scenic-rim-planning-scheme-fact-sheets">https://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/homepage/138/scenic-rim-planning-scheme-fact-sheets</a>

- Overview of the Planning Scheme fact sheet;
- Overlays fact sheet; and
- Zone codes fact sheet.

#### **TALK TO A PLANNER**

Council's Planners are available for confidential discussions to help you navigate the planning scheme and how it affects you. Call (07) 5540 5111 or email <a href="mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au">mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au</a> to make an appointment.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

The planning scheme and mapping is available to view on Council's website at <a href="www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/planning-and-permits/planning-schemes">www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/planning-and-permits/planning-schemes</a>.

Hard copies of the planning scheme and mapping are also available at Council's Customer Service Centres.