

KNOW YOUR ZONE

Queensland zoning information



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Rural zone

What is a zone?

Every property is zoned. A zone identifies the preferred land use in an area. The zone, and other planning controls, are identified in the planning scheme to guide development and use of land.

What development can I expect in the rural zone?

The rural zone covers land that is suited for farming and other rural uses and is usually located outside of towns.

The types of rural activities that are likely to occur in this zone include growing crops or other plants, animal farms, including both open areas and large buildings, and uses supporting these rural industries such as storage and packaging. Land in this zone may be protected for rural activities that need large pieces of land, rather than smaller lots. In addition to farming, other activities that complement the rural character may also be found in this zone, for example a winery cellar door and cafe.

A planning scheme may include provisions to manage impacts that rural activities may have on the natural environment and adjoining residential areas.

Examples of development that is likely to be in a rural zone:



rural industry



animal husbandry



cropping



rural workers' accommodation



roadside stall



intensive animal industry

Examples of development that is unlikely to be in a rural zone:



multiple dwelling - lowrise



shopping centre



major sport, recreation and entertainment facility