



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 environmental management zone?

The environmental management zone covers land with environmental values that are to be protected from urban activities.

Development in this zone is likely to be limited to houses, often only on large lots, and a few other low-impact activities that are unlikely to impact on the sensitive nature of the lands, like a garden centre. Where a local government identifies that quarries are to be promoted and protected, these may also operate in the environmental management zone.

A planning scheme may include land in this zone based on the natural values being protected. It can also identify the developments that may occur and how new buildings should look and fit in with local character. Examples of development that is likely to be in an environmental management zone:







nature-based tourism

garden centre

dwelling house

Examples of development that is unlikely to be in an environmental management zone:



home park



resort complex



low impact industry



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